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Brian is now a shadow of his former self after losing more than 15 stone with Slimming World

BY SIMON ROBINSON

DETERMINED Brian Semple has been named Slimming World's Man of the Year after shedding more than 15 stone – leaving him half the man he once was.

The 63-year-old grandfather-of-three used to tip the scales at 28st 8lbs, but now weighs in at a fit and healthy 13st.

The Rochester-based traffic technology consultant set out on his remarkable slimming journey after admitting he was "living on memories instead of living life".

He said even walking short distances was a trial: "I remember sitting down 26 times when I just tried to walk a mile because my hips and knees were aching so much."

"I love watching rugby and I'm a passionate Ireland supporter. But when I used to go to matches I couldn't fit through the turnstiles at Lansdowne Road stadium. I had to waddle through the gate that was usually reserved for VIP cars."

Brian's weight led to heart irregularity, high blood pressure, hip, knee and mobility problems and his work also suffered as he struggled with constant fatigue.

He recalled: "Because of my size I withdrew from family life and from society, but didn't admit it to myself."

The turning point came after Brian's landlady encouraged him to join the Rochester branch of Slimming World, setting him on the road to conquer a 40-year battle with weight.

Brian said: "I couldn't get weighed on domestic scales and it was a shock to discover I weighed 28st 12lb when I first stepped on to the Slimming World scales, but my consultant made me feel really welcome and reassured me of complete confidentiality."

"I lost 11lb in my first week and half a stone the

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BRUTAL: Jamie Button's (inset) vicious attack on Adrian Larkin was caught on CCTV (above)

CCTV footage helps put 'evil' attacker in jail

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A THUG has been jailed for five years for a sickening attack on the manager of a boat yard.

Jamie Button, 35, of Old Road, Chatham, repeatedly kicked his defenceless victim in the head after punching him to the ground.

After going through his pockets the yob, branded "evil" in court, left unconscious Adrian Larkin for dead, but the attack was caught on CCTV cameras.

Button, who had pleaded guilty to robbery, assault causing actual bodily harm and attempted theft at a previous hearing, was sentenced with two accomplices at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday.

Bryan Cunningham, 22, from Gravel Walk, Rochester, pleaded guilty to theft and attempted theft and was given a sentence of 330 days in prison, suspended for two years and ordered to do 200 hours community service.

Keith Hedley, 35, of Old Road, Chatham, was given a nine-month suspension order and curfew for 90 days.

The three men broke into Allington Marina on February 3 to steal a dinghy, but were caught by Mr Larkin, the son of the owner, who lived on the property.

The managing director of the boat yard was escorting them out when the vicious attack took place at its entrance gates.

Prosecutor Alex Rooke told the court that Button, "punched Larkin very hard to the head. Larkin then rocketed back and slid down the gate to the ground."

"Button kicked him repeatedly to the face then rummaged through his pockets and was joined by Cunningham."

"The ferocity of the attack was evil." In sentencing, recorder Dafydd Enoch QC said Button had been caught "red-handed in my view" and added that the CCTV footage was a "chilling video to watch".

After the hearing the victim's father, Peter Larkin, said he felt Button deserved the five-year jail term – if not longer behind bars.

Brutality

He said being told what had happened to his son was the "most devastating thing that can happen to a family. Your world falls apart and everything you've built is potentially destroyed."

He said he found the CCTV footage sickening to watch.

"Every time I watch it it makes me feel sick, the sheer brutality, the fact that any individual can – unprovoked – turn as nasty as that man turned, I still find worrying."

Detective Inspector Kris Hill, who led the investigation, said: "I am very pleased these men have been brought to justice for such a callous and senseless attack."

"I have been in the force for 15 years and seldom have I witnessed such needless violence where the victim was left for dead."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorcyclist killed on notorious road

A MOTORCYCLIST was killed in a collision with a lorry on the Isle of Grain.

The biker, who has not been named by police, hit the HGV on the A228 on Monday at 8.15am.

Emergency services were called to the scene but were unable to save the injured motorcyclist's life. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.

The cause of the fatal crash is being investigated by Kent police's serious collision investigation unit.

Booze control bid given thumbs up

PLANS to crackdown on nuisance drinking in Gillingham and Strood have been given the green light by councillors.

The latest two Alcohol Control Zones give police and authorised council officers the power to confiscate booze from anyone who is causing a nuisance in a public place.

The Gillingham zone stretches from Marlborough Road to Toronto Road, while the Strood equivalent includes the Civic Centre area, Grove Road car park and Byrant Road library.

Search for mystery Lotto ticket holder

LOTTO players are being urged to re-check their tickets after a prize of more than £67,000 went unclaimed.

The winning ticket was bought in Medway for the Saturday, June 28 draw – but the beneficiary has yet to come forward.

The lucky numbers were 7, 12, 19, 23, 46, 48 and the bonus ball was 28.

A National Lottery spokesman said: "We're desperate to find this mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings."

Sub-human abseil effort for charity

DAREDEVILS have been offered the chance to abseil down the historic submarine Ocelot later this month.

The adrenalin-fuelled charity event takes place at Chatham Historic Dockyard on Sunday July 27.

Proceeds will be split between Invicta FM's Help a Kent Child campaign and the Fairbridge youth charity. Entrants must raise a minimum of £75 to take part.

For more information call Neville Dack on 01227 774427 or register online at invictafm.co.uk/charity.

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Power stations told to clean up their act

BY SIMON ROBINSON

AN INFLUENTIAL parliamentary panel wants to see an end to the use of coal-fired power plants – unless they can adopt “clean” technology in the near future.

The Environment Audit Committee's report recommends that Government set a deadline by which all power stations must reduce the amount of harmful emissions being pumped into the atmosphere.

The in-depth report concludes: “By setting such a deadline and making its intentions clear a strong signal will be sent to the power generation industry about the future of coal and the importance of CSS (carbon capture storage).”

The EAC's recommendations mean Prime Minister Gordon Brown's could not back new coal-fired power stations.

This includes the two units which are planned for Kingsnorth on the Hoo peninsula, both could be refused.

World Development Movement climate policy officer, Tim Jones, welcomed the report.

He said: “The Government should be closing down dirty coal power stations, not allowing new ones to be built.

“The Government should also certainly not be relying on CSS – an unproven technology – to justify new coal power stations.”

These sentiments were backed by screen icon Robert Redford last week, who released a statement through the WDM.

The veteran actor and director's letter was read at the Kent, Coal and Climate Change evening at Fort Amherst in Chatham, just weeks ahead of the planned Camp for Climate Action protest, expected to be attended by more than 2,000 eco-activists.

Mr Redford's statement read: “Coal power plants are bad for public health; they are bad



Picture: Simon Robinson

POLLUTION: Environment Audit Committee has called on coal-fired power stations like Kingsnorth to reduce harmful emissions

for the environment close by in proximity as well as much farther away, as pollution is taken by wind and water

“They contribute greatly to climate impacts in a highly negative manner; and thus are ultimately very bad for the local and larger economies.

“It is ultimately a bad investment on all levels. There are sensible alternatives involving conservation and sustainable sources of energy, which have none of coal's negative impacts.”

The Camp for Climate Action is set to take place on ground neighbouring Kingsnorth

power station.

The precise location has yet to be revealed.

Site owners E.ON yesterday applied to the Royal Courts of Justice to extend an injunction against any would-be eco-intruders during the week-long protest.

The application would prohibit protestors from the airspace above the power station and from the sea and jetty around the station.

The camp's Davy Jones said: “E.ON seem to be running scared, as they return to the High Court to try to stem the groundswell of opposition to their plans.”

Full honours for Helmand mine victim 'Jimmy'

THE funeral of a Chatham soldier killed in Afghanistan took place yesterday.

A service for Lance Corporal James Johnson, 31, was held at Barham Crematorium and marked with full military honours.

The Scottish-born father-of-one, who was raised in Medway, died after stepping on a landmine while on patrol in Lashkar Gar in May.

He became the 110th British serviceman to be killed in Afghanistan. He leaves behind his fiancé Bernadette Broadley and his daughter Shannon.

At the time of his son's death, devastated father, Lawrence Johnson, said: “I am very proud of my son for being a soldier. It was his life.

“He always wanted to be in the Army since he was a small boy. He loved it.”

His wife-to-be added: “He was my best friend and my fiancée. I am very, very proud of him being a brave soldier.”

LCpl James 'Jimmy' Johnson was serving with the 1st Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, based at Howe Barracks in Canterbury.

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Julie Maddocks' highlights of the Kent Show 2008. Search 'show'

'I feel like I have rejoined society'

FROM FRONT PAGE

following week while tucking into lovely big meals.”

Having taken up walking, swimming and workouts in the gym, Brian said he felt brand new.

He said: “My hip and knee pain has gone, my heart is fine and so is my blood pressure.

“At my last check up the GP said he was looking at a new man. I really feel I have rejoined society.”

TV licence figures make poor viewing

CHATHAM has held on to the dubious honour of Kent's number one town for licence-dodgers, according to TV Licensing.

New figures show 416 residents in the town were caught watching television without a licence during the first six months of 2008.

This figure made Chatham top of the county's non-payers – ahead of Margate and Gillingham.

But the table has been accused of being a Kent league table of deprived areas in an effort to boost BBC coffers at a time when the corporation is under fire for wasting money.

TV Licensing spokesman Joanna Pearce said: “Buying a TV licence is simple and can be done in minutes online, so there's no excuse”

Threat of further strike action by council workers

UNION bosses have promised further strike action across Medway if their pay demands are not by the Government.

The threat was made by Unison's Medway branch secretary Brian Kelly following last week's 48-hour walkout.

More than 100 council workers abandoned their posts on Wednesday and Thursday, leaving schools, libraries and other key services badly affected.

That picture was mirrored across England and Wales, with thousands of public sector employees joining picket lines in protest at the Government's below-inflation pay offer of 2.45 per cent.

Mr Kelly said the union was already planning more industrial action and urged the Government to up its pay deal.

He said: “We will wait to see if representatives from the Government up their pay offer, but if they don't

then there are already planned strikes for the future.

“The Chancellor of the Exchequer confirmed earlier this week that the rate of inflation is running at 3.8 per cent, this only reinforces our case.

“With petrol going up by 22 per cent and mortgages going up by eight per cent, the deal being offered to us represents a wage cut.”

During the two-day strike council bosses were forced to shut libraries across the towns, with workers joining a picket line outside the council HQ in Gun Wharf, Chatham.

Mr Kelly said the pay protest had an impact.

“I felt the two days were successful. We had about 80 people outside Gun Wharf office and the best part of 100 attended lobby at Command House.”

A spokesman for Medway council said: “We believe fewer than 30 non-teaching members of staff took part in this week's strike.”

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NEWS IN BRIEFEngineering benefits of
Malaysian partnership

THE University of Greenwich at Medway will develop links with a top Malaysian equivalent thanks to a government grant.

The partnership with SEGi College is intended to increase the supply of skilled engineers.

Atkins professor Chun-Qing Li, head of the civil engineering department based in Chatham, said: "We run high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in civil engineering which can help Malaysia boost its qualified workforce."

Bhangra beats help raise
money for cancer charity

A BOLLYWOOD bonanza evening celebrating Indian culture raised more than £1,500 for charity.

The spice-infused event was hosted by Mid-Kent College in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care's Medway Maritime Hospital unit fund and featured Indian dancers, mouth-watering cuisine and bhangra beats.

College representatives handed a cheque for £1,557 to Macmillan's Joyce Sanders on Monday afternoon.

New officer ingratiates
himself with association

BORSTALS new neighbourhood constable immediately made friends with people on his patch – by presenting a group with a cheque for £400.

PC Nick Herbert, who took over the Rochester west beat from PC Mel Ling last Monday, handed over the cash to members of the Borstal Active Retirement Association.

Chairman Ted Bower, 72, joked: "The police were keen to support us, because if we were not here we could be out on the streets causing trouble."

Parents targeted to stop
mini-motorbike nuisance

POLICE are urging parents to think twice before buying mini-motorbikes for their children.

PC Andy Ledger, who spearheaded a crackdown on nuisance off-road vehicles in Medway, is hoping to prevent a rise in reports of bike-related anti-social behavior on the towns' roads. He said: "Getting the necessary documentation to make them road legal is extremely difficult."

Residents can contact the mini-motorbike team by calling 01634 891055 or emailing nuisancebikes.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk.

Queen holds power to reinstate former glory
**United front needed
if 'city' is to return**

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A CAMPAIGN bidding to regain Rochester's historic city status has been launched.

The determined drive – backed by Yourmedway – comes ten years after an administrative error cost Rochester its title, which had been held for 787 years.

The blunder led to a decade of finger-pointing by accusatory members of Medway's political parties.

River ward councillor Craig Mackinlay, who is leading the charge for the reinstatement of city status, said a united front was needed in order for the campaign to be successful.

He said: "It's time for the blame to stop and for all to work together to regain the title that is rightfully ours."

Mr Mackinlay, who is running for the Conservative nomination for the Rochester and Strood parliamentary seat, is taking his campaign to the streets of Medway – asking shoppers and residents to sign a petition for the title to be returned.

He said he hopes to present "tens of thousands of signatures" to the Queen, who holds the power to return Rochester to its former city glory.

Mr Mackinlay said: "The most recognisable symbol of city status was always the existence of a diocesan cathedral, a feature Rochester obviously has.



FOCAL POINT: Rochester Cathedral could help in the town regain city status after losing the title ten years ago

"Given the population size and also the castle, substantial regeneration and the ongoing application for World Heritage Status for Chatham, it's time for a concerted new effort for city status."

Rochester lost its title in 1998 when a form was not lodged upon the creation of Medway council as a unitary authority.

The error was spotted by the City of

Rochester Society four years later.

CRS president Bob Ratcliffe said: "It was one of the darkest days for local pride but we continue the battle."

Rochester's Pickwick Club chairman Cyril Baldwin added: "I could never understand why city status was lost, how can we have one of the most impressive castles in the country and a cathedral and not be called a city?"

Council leader plays down 'a' daft mistake

EAGLE-eyed residents have contacted the council en masse after blundering contractors erected a misspelt road sign.

Workers omitted the first 'a' in Hempstead Valley Drive, a major road running through the heart of council leader Rodney Chambers' ward of Hempstead and Wigmore.

Medway's Liberal Democrat group leader Geoff Juby said of the glaring spelling error: "This is ridiculous, you would think the council could get the road names right, especially in the council leader's ward."

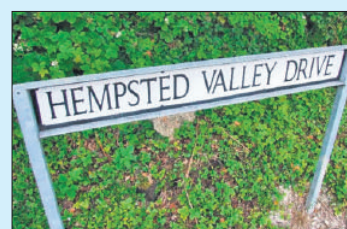
"I'm surprised Cllr Chambers hasn't

spotted the mistake in his own backyard and had it corrected.

"Local people know that Hempstead is spelt with an 'a'. It is a shame the council doesn't seem to know it as well.

"What makes this mistake even more annoying is that the local taxpayers are going to have to pay for a new sign as a result of this daft mistake."

Medway council leader Rodney Chambers said: "The sign has been reported to the council. It is regrettable, but mistakes do happen and a new sign will be installed early next week".



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SOUNDS GOOD: Jools Holland (below) was one of the major attractions at this year's four-night Summer Concerts

Bigger venue on cards for hit concerts

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Summer Concerts have been hailed a huge success after attracting more than 13,000 music lovers across the four-night run.

Hundreds of hamper-wielding concertgoers filled Rochester Castle each night, from the opening soul night through to Saturday's phenomenal philharmonic finale.

Such was the support for the outdoor events that the council revealed a new, larger venue was tentatively being sought.

Events manager Carl Madjitey said: "We need to find somewhere else to hold the concerts if we really want to crank it up and there are one or two areas we're looking at."

"With that being said, I thought this year's event was a great success – all four of the concerts went very well and all the feedback has been very positive."

"I was most pleased with the attendances – there was a groundswell of support from the outset which makes my job easier."

"The attitude of concertgoers was also excellent. All of the performers have been in touch to say how much they enjoyed playing."

Mr Madjitey, who performed in the popular Soul Party group on Wednesday's Edwin Starr Band night, said a concert highlight was hard to pick.

He said: "Playing on the opening night gave me a different kind of buzz, but Jools Holland and Mark Almond were exceptional and Status Quo rocked the castle once again."

"Having said that, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra had a number of technical difficulties and problems with the wind to overcome and yet still put on a superb show."

"I loved it when everybody celebrated the Union Jack unashamedly and it was great to have a giant flag hanging from the castle – that was fantastic."

An unofficial fifth day of the Summer Concerts came on Sunday afternoon in the form of Under Siege, which gave Medway's talented teenagers the chance to take the stage. More than a dozen solo artists and bands were given the chance to perform, watched on by a crowd of at least 2,000 people.

Mr Madjitey praised council leader Rodney Chambers for his role in the event.

He said: "I was very pleased with Under Siege as I have wanted to find a mechanism



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to give young people a platform to perform for years. Teenagers were also given the opportunity to man the sound desk and deal with the technical side of a performance.

"This event was largely thanks to Rodney Chambers, who made all the necessary arrangements, such as ensuring the stage was kept up for an extra day. I definitely want to put something like that on again."

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Riverside thefts cause bosses to close walkway

A ROUND-the-clock security presence could not stop thieves raiding the Rochester Riverside site for the second time in a week – stripping away more than £200,000 in steel posts.

The brazen thefts have forced regeneration bosses to close the mile-long walkway and cycle path running across the development site, just five weeks after it was opened.

Medway council's economic growth boss Jane Chitty said: "This is a very sad case of the few spoiling it for the many."

"In the interests of public safety, we have no choice, but to close it while we carry out a further review of security."

Thieves took 100 posts and 148 handrails from the site on Tuesday, July 8 after breaking into the site through security gates in Gas House Lane.

Security was immediately stepped up, with workers on site round-the-clock.

These measures were breached just a week later when thieves forced open the perimeter fence in Furrells Road, taking 82 posts and 200 handrails.

Slow going for motorists due to the blade runners

GIANT wind turbine blades were transported across the county from Medway this week – causing traffic delays.

The second batch of 47m-long loads rolled out of Chatham Docks on Monday at 5.30am and 11am on Monday, travelling through Medway to Blue Bell Hill, before heading on to the M20 down to Romney Marsh.

Forty-eight loads were due to make the journey, with the last later today, all travelling under police escort.

The final three loads are scheduled to be moved in September.

MP accuses the council of 'looting town's history'

A HISTORIC building at the centre of a political row sold at auction on Friday for £140,000.

Park Lodge, situated at the Canterbury Street entrance to Gillingham Park, was bought by a local doctor.

Labour MP for Gillingham Paul Clark opposed the sale and accused the Tory-led Medway council of "looting the town's history".

But deputy council leader Alan Jarrett hit back by saying: "I resent the accusations. Park Lodge was auctioned with strict conditions to ensure it is retained as a gateway feature for our Heritage Lottery Fund bid."



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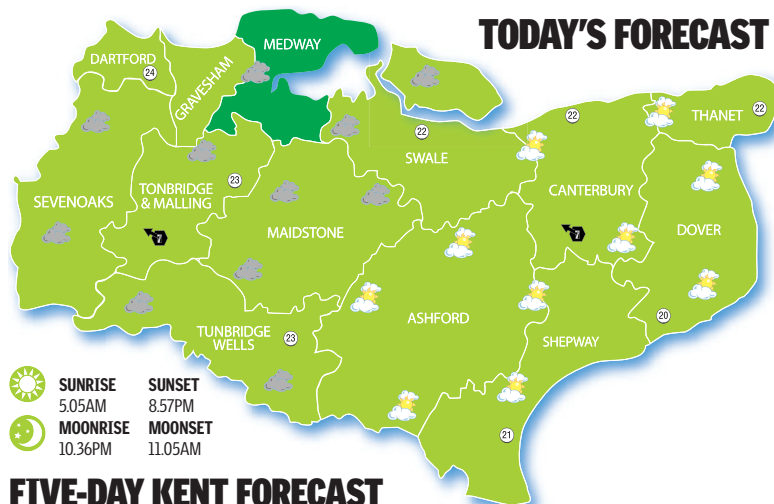
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Canterbury	21°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	24°C	Maidstone	24°C	24°C	26°C	27°C	26°C
Chatham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Ramsgate	21°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	24°C
Dartford	24°C	24°C	26°C	27°C	26°C	Rochester	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C
Dover	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	23°C	22°C	24°C	25°C	24°C
Faversham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Sittingbourne	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C
Folkestone	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	20°C	Tonbridge	23°C	23°C	25°C	27°C	25°C
Gillingham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Tun Wells	23°C	23°C	25°C	27°C	25°C



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	5:22pm	5.7m
	Sunday	6:00am	5.5m
Dover	Saturday	3:42pm	6.4m
	Sunday	4:28pm	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:38pm	7.5m
	Sunday	4:25pm	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	4:12pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:58pm	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:11pm	5.5m
	Sunday	5:53pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:04pm	5.2m
	Sunday	5:50pm	5.0m



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TOGETHER: Eagle Tavern and City Wall staff with officers

Landlords welcome police partnership

LANDLORDS across Medway have pledged to "serve drinks, not drunks" as part of a summer crackdown on alcohol-related crime.

Since Friday, extra police patrols have been taking to the streets at peak times, while walk-through metal detectors and sniffer-dog patrols have also been deployed.

Chief Inspector Iain Mackenzie said: "This is an excellent example of how we work with licensees to create a safe and vibrant environment for people to socialise."

Staff from two neighbouring Rochester pubs, the Eagle Tavern and City Wall, joined neighbourhood officers to show off "serve drinks, not drunks" T-shirts in the High Street.

City Wall owner Sanjay Ravel said: "We were keen to back this campaign and show people how closely we work with the police. There is not a huge problem but it is good to know that we have the back-up of the police if needed."

Research shows that at this time of year there is more anti-social behaviour and an increase in violent incidents, especially in areas with plenty of nightlife.

The Safer Summer campaign aims to reduce these incidents by promoting safe socialising and reminding people, particularly those who enjoy a busy social life, to stay in control.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

CRAIG MACKINLAY



Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I was born in Chatham and educated at Rainham Mark Grammar. I am chartered accountant and chartered tax adviser with my own practice in Chatham. I am also a trained actor and people may have seen me treading the boards at the Medway Little Theatre.

Q How and why did you get involved in the Round Table?

A My family has always been involved in the community, so when Round Table was suggested it seemed a natural thing to do. City of Rochester Round Table was suffering from low membership and I'd like to think I've been an important player in keeping it alive and helping it thrive.

Q What sort of things do you do?

A In Round Table the motto is fun, fellowship and fund-raising. In my 18 years we must have raised and distributed close to £100,000 and have been key in local anti-graffiti activities. Round Table isn't just about fund-raising. We have days out – sailing, fishing, paintballing – and have made use of the international network for visits around the world.

Q How passionate are you about the graffiti campaign?

A Graffiti is a first indicator of the breakdown of a community. Where graffiti starts,

dilapidation follows and with it anti-social behaviour, creating a climate of fear. It is a dreadful form of criminal damage. I would like to see Medway graffiti-free and have used community service offenders in the work. I introduced the partnership of Round Table and the probation service to the national Round Table Association and won the national community service award last year with clean-up projects initiated across the country.

Q Why did you decide to run as a councillor?

A Becoming an elected councillor was a natural progression of being a community activist. I also felt that my career skills would be an asset towards the efficient management of an annual council budget of £500 million.

Q How pleased were you to be voted in?

A To be voted in as a community leader is a unique opportunity and I was delighted to be elected, with the win sweetened by the knowledge that the ward had never elected a Conservative before.

Q What are the main areas that need to be addressed in River ward?

A River is a unique ward, with both inner city deprivation and the relative affluence of St Mary's Island. Drugs and prostitution are a problem. The regeneration of Chatham will bring other challenges of a bigger population

and congestion. River ward has some of Medway's finest historical features – Fort Amherst and the Dockyard – and the opportunity of World Heritage status will place Medway on the international map. The High Street requires careful nurturing to make it a thriving regional shopping centre, creating jobs and investment. It's an exciting time.

Q What are the best parts of your job?

A We all have causes to gripe about one public service or another. Being a councillor means your own gripe, or one raised by a constituent, gets a response. A call to the police area commander, local MP, head of the NHS trust or chief executive of the council will be answered and action will be taken. To know your influence has improved a decision or prevented a bad one is particularly satisfying.

Q What do you like to do when you're not working or Round Tabling?

A I'm a keen sailor and keep a boat at Gillingham marina. I'm passionate about the river and believe it should be an integral part of Medway's regeneration.

Q Anything you'd like to add?

A I'd like to wish Yourmedway a successful future and I look forward to continuing partnerships as we try to make Medway a better place.



The Conservative councillor for River ward and Round Table stalwart spoke to **Simon Robinson** about his job and his hobbies outside work plus what made him become a community leader



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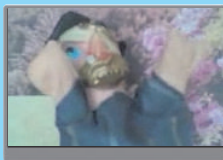
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Drug arrests rise after dealers are targeted

BY NICK AMES

CRIME across the county has dropped by 10.3 per cent in the last year, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 15,133 fewer offences were committed between April, last year, and this March, compared with the previous year.

But the same figures revealed an rise of 18 per cent in offences relating to drugs.

Reductions were seen in the areas of violent crime, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime.

Police say the rise in drugs offences is a result of the work undertaken to destroy networks.

The force said the total of 3,524 recorded drugs offences – up 548 on 2007 – was because of officers' success in destroying supply networks.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beauridge called the latest figures "good news".

He said: "It is encouraging that the number of crimes being committed continues to fall even now and we will work hard to continue to improve the reductions we've seen in the last year."

Police said across the county the chances of being a victim of crime are decreasing, with 80 offences to every 1,000 persons.

This figure is higher than in the neighbouring county of Surrey, but police have stressed a "like for like" comparison is not appropriate as Kent has more areas of deprivation.

Mr Beauridge said: "The commitment of Kent Police, our officers and staff, and the help we receive from the public have all contributed towards this excellent achievement in tackling and reducing crime."

"Our neighbourhood policing teams have formed close relationships with the communities they are protecting and serving, enabling officers to deal with local crime issues more easily."

He added that the increase in reported drug offences was a reflection of the good work of officers in this area.



HARD KNOCKS: A police officer forces open a door during a raid targeting the class A drugs network in Maidstone

"Context must be applied here, as this shows we are targeting drug dealers," he said.

"No one wants to see dealers in the midst of a community, selling drugs to children. If we are

contacted by concerned people we will act to combat this menace. My message to the drug dealers is: watch out. We will come after you and you will end up in prison."

KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link

THE Green Party has accused Kent County Council of supporting Robert Mugabe's "despotic" regime in Zimbabwe.

The party claims KCC has more than a £100 million in shares in companies which have some involvement with the troubled African state. They say the authority has ignored calls for an ethical investment policy.

The Greens say KCC has £109.5 million invested in companies they claim have links with Zimbabwe.

These are mining groups Anglo American and Rio Tinto, oil giants BP and Shell and banks Standard Chartered and Barclays.

Spokesman Stuart Jeffrey said: "The Mugabe regime has been condemned by all the major parties in the UK, yet county councillors refuse to consider the effects of their inaction."

"Councillors should be called to account for their part in supporting unethical investments in the face of almost universal condemnation."

"David Cameron has called for his party to examine its morals when it comes to investing, yet both Tory and Lib Dem councillors are prepared to maintain investments."

A KCC spokesman said: "The council is responsible for the management of the £2.6billion Kent pension fund. The fund covers about 200 public sector employers in the county and has about 40,000 scheme members and another 40,000 pensioners."

"The fund committee has to get the best returns it can, otherwise the burden of the costs of pensions could fall on taxpayers. We leave decisions about which companies to invest in to investment managers as we need to maximise our returns and hold the managers accountable for their performance."



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Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading

■ BY FAITH RIDING

'LIFE is so much better when you read' – an enduring message and one that is at the heart of the 2008 Kent Year of Reading – the county's contribution to the national campaign.

Designed to boost literacy levels and encourage everyone to make reading part of their daily lives, the year-long programme was launched at County Hall in Maidstone in April.

School children joined Kent County Council cabinet members on a sofa, a bed and deckchairs for a morning of storytelling, to help illustrate great places to read.

Getting as many people as possible involved in the campaign has been made easier thanks to a broad programme of events in the county libraries.

There was a 'Living Library' in Sevenoaks – one of only four nationwide – which allowed customers to borrow people from different professions and walks of life for a conversation, and a 'Library in the Park' in Dartford which opened on July 1 so that books could be browsed and borrowed in the great outdoors.

Inspiration

Other activities have included incentive schemes to encourage reading, author talks and a song writing competition in Dover – reinforcing the message that the skill of reading is vital in all aspects of life including music.

More activities are planned – the most immediate is this year's Reading Challenge which has an Olympic theme and encourages young people to spend some of the long summer break with their noses in books.

The campaign has also been the inspiration behind the Kent Story – county council leader Paul Carter penned an opening chapter for 12 books, one for each district, which are travelling from school to school with pupils writing their



BOOKS FOR ALL: These children joined in the fun for an initiative designed to encourage us all to enjoy the written word

own contribution to continue the tales.

The project is being guided by the imaginations of the county's young writers and artists and the finished books will be put on display at County Hall and then in libraries across the county.

Work is also going on with prison inmates, young offenders and adult learners – with a focus on how improved literacy levels can open doors and radically change prospects at work and at home.

"At the heart of all this activity is the determination to change people's attitudes to reading, particularly among those who don't consider it important or relevant to their lives," says strategic manager Gill Bromley, who is leading the project.

"The Kent Year of Reading is not just about events – although these are a wonderful way to encourage the community to get involved.

"Our main aim is to target those people for whom reading presents a challenge or isn't that important.

Vital

"The best way to change this mindset is to encourage and promote the idea that literacy can help in so many aspects of life – it's not just about settling down with a novel – but vital for surfing the net, applying for a passport or even reading the instructions on the microwave."

What about 2009 and beyond – will all this activity just stop? "Absolutely not," says Ms Bromley. "The most important thing for us will be to establish the Kent Year of Reading's legacy and ensure that this commitment to improving literacy levels and generating reading passion continues. Every year should be a Year of Reading."

Officers to lead way with e-life initiative

A LEADERSHIP Academy has been launched by Kent police to develop the abilities of all officers – from police community support officers to area commanders.

It will record each participant's developing abilities on the force's internal internet – giving officers an "e-life" of how they are getting on in the training programmes.

The academy was set up at the request of Chief Constable Michael Fuller, at the force headquarters in Maidstone, to spot and develop leadership talent and, ultimately, achieve higher standards of performance.

The academy training is being tailored specifically to Kent's needs.

This includes live simulation training to test leadership and decision-making skills in a range of scenarios and critical incident situations.

Participants update their "e-life" regularly to show how their approach to their day-to-day work has benefited.

Mr Fuller said: "Leadership is important at every level in the force.

"We look to select leaders who inspire, motivate, set standards, support their staff and recognise good work.

"This is why I have keen to invest in ensuring we have skilled and talented leaders for the future.

"I believe, through an innovative approach to training that includes live simulation of a range of scenarios our leaders could encounter, we will continue to improve our performance.

"The feedback from those who have already taken part in the programme has been resoundingly positive."

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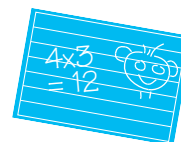
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Reading challenge to children will end with medal treasure

YOUNG bookworms are being challenged to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Medway Library Service is calling for children aged from four to 12 years old to read six books during the summer school break – resisting the all-too attractive lure of the PlayStation and TV.

To take part, eager entrants must select six books of their choice from their nearest library.

Readers will earn stickers as they complete each book, with six sticker holders being rewarded with a medal.

A treasure hunt and medal ceremony will be held at Riverside Country Park on Saturday

September 20 to all those who complete the challenge.

Medway council's community services chief Howard Doe launched the reading scheme at Wigmore Library with the help of pupils from St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School in Parkwood, Gillingham.

He said: "This is an excellent scheme to encourage children to pick up a book and learn to love reading. This will certainly keep them busy all summer long."

Find out more about the reading challenge at www.medway.gov.uk/libraries.



EAGER: St Augustine of Canterbury in Gillingham pupils launch the challenge with Howard Doe of Medway council

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Report says primary 'must do better'

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SKINNER Street Primary School has been given a Notice to Improve by Ofsted inspectors who rated the level of education as inadequate.

The notice and bottom of the scale level four rating came after Ofsted's Helen Hutchings found the Gillingham school to be performing "significantly less well than in all the circumstances it could reasonably be expected to".

A lack of monitoring of pupils' progress was also said to have led to underachievement, particularly in reading and mathematics between years two and six.

Ofsted's overall outlook was more positive, however, with the foundation stage graded as 'good', teaching and leadership among a group of 'satisfactory' areas and the school found to possess the capability to improve.

Mrs Hutchings wrote: "Leadership and management are satisfactory and leaders at all levels have a clear direction for the future."

"They work well together and with the local authority to improve teaching approaches within the school."

"The success of the action taken to date, such as the improvement in standards and the attendance of older pupils, indicates that the school has the necessary capacity to develop further."

The report also lists the school's self-evaluation procedures, pupils' progress

Grades given to the school

Foundation Stage - good
Personal development/well-being - satisfactory
Achievement and standards - inadequate
Teaching and learning - satisfactory
Overall effectiveness of school - inadequate
Care, guidance and support - satisfactory
Leadership and management - satisfactory

throughout the school and standards as 'satisfactory'.

Mrs Hutchings goes on: "Pupils' personal development and well-being, including their spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness, are sound."

"Parents and carers value the school's supportive ethos and good relationships, making comments such as 'the staff care about the education and welfare of all children' and 'teachers are approachable and committed'."

Headteacher Julia Tucker said: "The Ofsted inspectors agreed with our own analysis of our strengths and weaknesses."

"They've agreed we're an improving school and the reason we've been given a notice to improve is because we need to increase the pace of change."

"We have made changes during this academic year which have reversed a trend of declining standards and I'm pleased Ofsted recognised this."

Medway council's children's services boss Les Wicks said: "I have every confidence the headteacher and her staff can build on the Ofsted inspectors' comments."

"Everyone involved with the school has positive things to say about it and that goes a long way towards improvement."

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Lavatorial issues are the bottom line this summer

IF there is one thing more likely to prevent someone going to a music festival this or any other summer, you can bet your bottom dollar it will be to do with where you put your, erhm, bottom.

In a nutshell, I'm talking toilets.

The recent fiasco which was the Zoo8 three-day event at Port Lympne recently proved, however, that even those who know just what to expect have some standards.

And believe me, if you know what to expect, your standards will be pretty damn low as a starting point.

Because the latrines are the living embodiment of what a festival means when it comes to lifestyle changes. As you bustle through the gates, a basic level of hygiene must be checked at the door and an acceptance that the phrase 'don't look down' must be applied at all times when a trip to the lavs becomes a necessity.

U-bends mean nothing here... flushing systems are a luxury you must learn to live with-

out. There's no getting away with it, they truly are just as unpleasant as the stories you hear. But it is all part of the experience - and one everyone ought to go through. It's a rite of passage that will make you thank the Lord every time you visit a bathroom with plumbing.

Yet, the truth remains music festivals can provide some of the finest experiences money can buy. Which, given the entrance charges some impose, needs to be sufficiently ecstatic.

But if the sun shines, you are presented with two or three days of doing literally nothing other than listening to music, chatting to friends and, let's not pretend otherwise here, having perhaps a couple of drinks too many without a set of car keys in sight to worry you.

Granted, that may sound like most teenagers' daily lifestyle, but for those in employment, they provide a chance to unwind.

Which is perhaps why, when they go wrong the frustration and anger is so apparent. It's like going on holiday and finding out there's a construction site outside your apartment.

Of course, there has perhaps been no word more frequently used this summer in the

county than 'festival'. Every weekend, it seems, a cow field somewhere has been transformed into a 'festival' site and those who enjoy spending a weekend under canvas caked in mud flock to listen to an often eclectic line-up of musical acts.

But don't let it ever be said festivals are just for music. Oh no! This year we have fruit, oyster, cherry, football and comedy festivals. You name it there's a festival devoted to it. Not so long ago the county even hosted a garlic festival (insert 'a real stinker' gag of your choice). Surely it's only a matter of time before the business world gets involved and companies start flocking to seminar festivals, or blue-sky thinking festivals; suited and booted executives standing in fields listening to ways of raising revenues and boosting bottom lines?

Mind you, if they could enhance the line of lavs you place your bottom on, that could become the finest festival performance of all.

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our expense. It is time they paid for their own comfort.

I heard Ann Widdecombe, the Conservative MP for Maidstone and Weald, on the radio saying that people do not expect MPs to live in unfurnished bedsits in outer suburbs – but why not let Derek Conway and all of them keep in touch and live in less salubrious conditions to remind them what the rest of the population put up with?

From my experience politicians are thick, insensitive and manipulative – it goes with the territory.

We can choose estate agents, change banks and avoid dodgy garages but how can we dump lousy MPs who disgrace themselves?

I can't stand a Government that congratulates itself on failure and rewards its friends out of our purses. There is no excuse for tripling employees in the public sector where only top henchmen in institutions award themselves sky-high salaries and golden parachutes out of public funds.

Now we face stagflation on top of hurtful taxation, a punitive Government rife with incompetence and maladministration which divides and rules just as the robber barons from the Norman Conquest onwards did.

Can we protect ourselves in the same democracy of Parliament and Europe from a Government intent on gobbling up our cash and taking away our hard-earned entitlement to affordable living.

What have useless regulators who protect wrong-doers, Government advisers, quango kings and queens done for us?

They pontificate as if they are

infallible, but live off our backs, not on the meagre residue of average earners after government deductions.

Rita Grootendorst, by email

You should be hot and bothered too

I hope you'll forgive me writing of the blue, but it has been my impression lately that in all the perfectly justified interest that

Veggie bangers will help make difference

I read with great interest Stephen Fry's very erudite letter regarding the Rainforest Foundation and I do admire him for supporting this foundation and bringing the plight of the rainforests to our attention.

However, may I point out that he did not mention the main reason the rainforests are being cut down which is the greater and greater demand for meat from the rich countries of the world, which the poorer countries are catering for, usually to the detriment of their own people and their natural foods.

The forests are being cut down to allow the grazing of cattle or growing of cattle fodder, mainly soya beans, which only 10 per cent of which go towards feeding humans.

I'm not saying that everyone should suddenly go vegan, though this would save the rainforests and

the world as meat and dairy produce causes more greenhouse gasses than all the transport in the world together.

If people could at least cut down their meat and dairy intake, maybe have veggie sausages once a week or go to their local health shop and see what there is. They would be contributing towards saving the rain forests and needn't feel so guilty about taking the odd plane ride.

Sheila McCrossan, from Medway
Veggies & Vegans, by email

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated

I am writing to thank all your readers who helped to make the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Help a Heart campaign a success.

So many people supported the campaign that we're well on our way to our target of £1.5 million.

We are also extremely thankful to those people who gave their time for free – by volunteering to distribute and gather in collection envelopes or helping out with events and other fundraising activities.

The money your community raised throughout the campaign will help the BHF continue to fund vital heart research to save and improve lives. It is only with your support that we can beat heart disease.

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Kim Brophy, BHF volunteer fundraising manager for Kent, by email

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Family tough it to the top



HOT ACT: The Cherryholmes and Elizabeth Cook (inset) perform bluegrass and country at the Zebra Bar

FROM dodging bullets to scoring hits, the Cherryholmes family have truly triumphed over adversity.

This unlikely-looking group are one of the hottest acts on the American bluegrass scene, blowing audiences away with their talent.

Their first album to be released on a record label reached number three in the Billboard bluegrass chart and earned them a Grammy nomination, but just nine years ago half their members had never even picked up an instrument.

It was a terrible tragedy which prompted parents Jere and Sandy Lee to bring music into the family's lives.

In 1999 their oldest daughter Shelly died from chronic heart problems, aged just 20.

It was a dreadful time, not helped by the fact that the family were living in a tough Los Angeles neighbourhood.

The children frequently had to do their homework while crouched between their beds because of the threat of drive-by shootings, so a trip to a bluegrass festival provided the chance briefly to escape their prob-

lems and their grief. It was their first exposure to a genre which seemed completely alien, given their background, but the experience inspired Jere and Sandy to incorporate music in their children's home schooling.

It became a core part of their studies, which then developed into hours of playing together every night.

The children were aged between six and 15 at the time, but less than six months later the family were performing professionally.

Eldest daughter Cia Leigh began learning the guitar at the age of 15 but switched to the banjo, which she plays with outstanding power, and she is also a gifted singer.

Her brother BJ picked up a fiddle for the first time at 11 and is compared to some of the finest fiddlers in the business.

Skip is an excellent guitar picker with an aggressive rhythm style and left-handed Molly Kate plays fiddle, sings and writes songs to an astonishing level. Jere plays upright bass and sings, while Sandy Lee's mandolin, banjo and yodelling are real crowd pleasers.

The family spend about 300 days a year on the road, bunking in the bus and sharing passenger duty as Jere

drives through the night.

They self-released three albums before being signed to Skaggs Family Records and have toured internationally, as well as being regulars at the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

They will be stopping off in Maidstone on their way to headline the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Cherryholmes will be joined on the bill by Elizabeth Cook, who is described as "a bona fide country singer". A true traditional singer in the style of Loretta Lynn or Connie Smith, she appeared at the Grand Ole Opry more than 100 times before releasing her acclaimed debut album, Hey Y'all.

She is a talented singer, having co-written nine of the 11 tracks on her latest album Balls - including the brash anthem Sometimes It Takes Balls To Be A Woman.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £14 in advance or £16 on the door. To book, phone 01622 744481.

THE CHERRYHOLMES

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MEDWAY IV

Friday, July 25
The Command House, Chatham

THE results of an experimental art project can be viewed at a special 'book singeing'.

As part of the Medway IV Festival of art, poetry, music, walking and literature, 25 Medway artists were asked to unleash their imaginations and help to create a one-off book. Billy Childish (pictured) was handed a notebook and given 24 hours to respond to a certain subject, before passing the notebook on to the next participant.

Subsequent artists were not told what the original subject had been but were asked to respond to the previous person's work.

Artists taking part included Wolf Howard, Wendy Daws, Zara Carpenter, Mark Barnes and reclusive poet Bill Lewis.

The result was an experimental and exciting piece of work, images from which will be projected at the event.

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Sanctuary will be on sale, with all unsold copies being burned at the end of the evening. There will also be an open mike session for poets and musicians. The event runs from 8pm to 11pm and entry costs £1.

For full details of the festival programme, which runs until Saturday August 2, go online at www.urbanfoxpress.com.

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A MAGICAL world of fairies and enchanting potions is brought to life in Shakespeare's romantic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream.

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The production will return to Medway for performances at Upnor Castle near Gillingham on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, before moving on to Nurstead Court in Gravesend on August 6 and 7.

Shakespeare's captivating play tells a complex story of fairies, love potions, misunderstandings and true love. It is recommended that audiences should take their own comfortable seats.

Tickets are priced from £10. To book (except for Nurstead Court) call 01622 758611 or go online at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk. For the Nurstead Court dates call 01474 337774.



THE DECCAS

Friday, July 25
Beacon Court Tavern, Gillingham

NOW firmly established on both the local and London music scenes, The Deccas are a real band to watch.

Over the past year the band's popularity has soared and the addition of new member Nathan Swan on Hammond organ has given their songs a classic feel. They have triumphed over 5,000 other applicants to reach the semi-finals of this year's Surface Unsigned competition and hopes are high that they could win the contest.

Their first EP The Way Things Were is available online from HMV and iTunes.

The main support act will be one of Reading's best-loved bands, Vices. They have supported high-profile bands such as Bloc Party and Dirty Pretty Things and have an American management team, in the hope of breaking both the UK and the US.

The show will open with the energetic indie punk sound of local boys Needs Must, one of Medway's newer bands that shows a lot of promise.

The music starts at 9pm and the show is for over-18s only. Tickets cost £5 on the door or £4 in advance at www.wegotickets.com.

MEDWAY LEISURE

Want more from Dickens? Try Oliver Unplugged

TRAVEL even further into Dickens World with the innovative new production, Oliver Unplugged.

Visitors to the Chatham attraction can see one of Charles Dickens' best loved stories brought to life in the Britannia Theatre at 3pm, Tuesday to Sunday, until September 6. Entry is included in the cost of a standard Dickens World ticket. When bought separately, tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children.

There will also be a short 'Trial of Fagin' feature every day. Go to www.dickensworld.co.uk.

New cinema club starts with Spanish chiller

DISCOVER the best in cinema from around the world with the new film club, Directors Chair.

Every Thursday the club at Odeon Dickens World will show a programme of films in a variety of genres.

This week's film will be The Orphanage, the chilling Spanish thriller directed by Juan Antonio Bayona.

The screening starts at 7.45pm and will be hosted by Nick Walker. Buy tickets at the door or book online at www.odeon.co.uk.

Identify great acoustic sounds at Oasthouse

ENJOY an evening of great acoustic music at the Oasthouse in Granary Close, Rainham, this weekend.

The line-up includes Bender Crack Corn, Victim Identified, Tyrannosaurus Alan and Wires Faulty. The gig, which is for over 16s, starts at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £3.50.

For more information go to www.myspace.com/defzone.

Enjoy jam session at pub - all styles welcome

MUSICIANS are invited to take part in a jamming session at a pub in Higham on Sunday.

The session will be held at the Gardeners Arms in Forge Lane and any musicians are welcome to go along to enjoy the fun. It will start at 5.30pm and admission is free.

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The range will be available at the Chatham High Street store from September and you can be measured for your new bra by a professional in-store.

Whatever your age DVDs will entertain you

WOOLWORTHS is offering a selection of DVDs at bargain prices to keep youngsters and adults entertained during the summer holidays.

American Gangster (£8), Batman (£5), Atonement (£6), and Casino Royale (£6), are part of the deal at the Chatham and Strood high street, and Twydall Green, stores.

Kids DVDs included are Charlotte's Web (£5), Flushed Away (£6), Over the Hedge (£6), Garfield Gets Real (£5), Surf's Up (£8), Lilo and Stich (£5) and Happy Feet (£6).

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Book shop weaves some magic for Potter fans

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In the run up to the release of new Batman film The Dark Knight, all Batman graphic novels also have 40 per cent off. Visit www.waterstones.com for the deals.

Snap up a bargain at catalogue store sale

THOUSANDS of prices have been slashed for Argos' end of summer sale — which runs until Friday.

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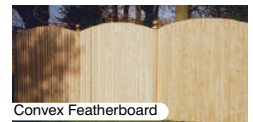
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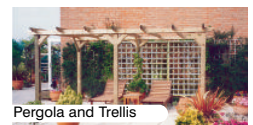
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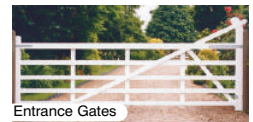
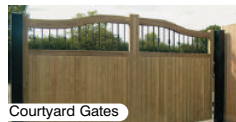
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YOUR TV REVIEW

BONEKICKERS
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BY TOM BETTS

I'M not sure the world is ready for high definition television, especially with the drivel that is on 85 per cent of the time.

Although that's not an official figure, may I add.

When the technology has moved on so much that what's on your screen is almost a better than reality (I swear real life doesn't look this sharp!) I somehow expected the quality of what appears on the magic box to move ever upward too.

But still, while the crystal-clear images flood into our rooms we still have to endure the likes of Snog, Marry, Avoid? and Titty Titty Bang Bang.

Take Bonekickers, the BBC's latest effort at intrigue and mystery.

It looked like a belter on the trailers, but is so bad it actually makes me want to go out and do some of those hobby things that people keep yammering on about.

Here is a show seemingly cobbled together behind the bike sheds by a bunch of sixth formers during school break.

The producers were clearly aiming at a cross between Spooks and CSI with a wee hint of Indiana Jones thrown in for good measure, yet it comes across more like Time Team meets The Bill.

It's in the middle of a six episode run and I'll bet my remote control there won't be a second.

Around 6.8 million of you joined me for the first episode, so at least I can find some solace in the fact that I'm not alone in my suffering, but a huge



TASTY: Ching-He Huang is cooking up quite a stir on BBC Two with Chinese Food Made Easy

share of that number had jumped ship by episode two.

If this is the best we have to look forward to this summer then could be time to say "balls to the credit crunch, I'm off on holiday!"

There is a new woman in my life, who I would dearly love to accompany me on what I have christened the 2008 Bonekicker Avoidance Tour.

The name of the object of my affection is Ching-He Huang, beautiful, intelligent and able to whip up a mean egg foo yong.

Wok more could a man want?

I had promised myself I'd not waste any more time watching cookery shows (a strange addiction I have), especially as none of it ever translates to my own kitchen, but one look at Ching-He and that promise bit the dust faster than you could say year of the loser.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
DOING a job all by yourself isn't realistic. Call on the help of your colleagues. Acting like you don't need anyone else will alienate you from the group. It's important to consider the needs of a business or romantic partner. Letting this person wait on you will be a welcome change of pace.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
DON'T convince you know more about a subject than you really do. It's better to hire a professional than attempt a complicated job yourself. A good friend could take you on a short trip. The two of you are opposites in many ways, which makes for good traveling companions.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
Daydreaming could undermine your job performance. It's important to check your work before submitting it or you could miss some embarrassing mistakes. Your star power will be especially strong, making this a great time to go on job interviews, auditions and first dates.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
FOLLOWING the rules is overrated. Allow yourself a measure of freedom when tackling a big project. You could develop some exciting techniques by just playing around. You're about to assume a more public profile at work. People respond to your warmth and generosity.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
FORCING a friend to live up to an old promise will only torment them. Relax your standards and leave your pal free to have a good time. You may have to do more than your fair share of work, but it will be strangely gratifying. It feels good to have an outlet for your restless energy.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
YOU may think you've got more money than you actually have. Review your budget carefully before buying something extravagant. Urgent messages could come pouring in this week. Check your mobile regularly or you could miss an important call. A job will involve unusual duties.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
YOU may not realise what a friend really needs to thrive. If this person is intent on taking a risk, don't stand in their way. If you're not in a relationship, you could meet someone special at a party or social occasion. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat philanthropist.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
PUTTING too much emphasis on material things is getting in the way of a close relationship. You can't put a price on love. Encourage somebody to take a chance. You're too adventurous to cling to security for very long. A strange living arrangement works well for you.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
BE realistic about balancing home and work. You simply don't have enough time to do justice to both. Although lots of exciting opportunities exist on the career front, your nearest and dearest need care and attention. Unless you make time for fun, it will pass you right by.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
PREOCCUPATION with your own needs could make you oblivious to those of other. Take care you don't forget an important date. Money will be more readily available than it has in the past few weeks. Someone could ask you to step in for an instructor who had to leave quite suddenly.
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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
TRYING to give orders to relatives will be as successful as herding a crowd of cats. It simply can't be done. Let everybody do their own thing for a change. It will save you lots of aggravation. Besides, you have better things to do with your time. You can't afford to let them down.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
DON'T overanalyse a relationship. There are some gifts in life you just need to accept with open arms and a thankful heart. Your sex appeal is red hot. You could meet someone special. You're especially drawn to quiet, nurturing types, but you may have to do all the running.
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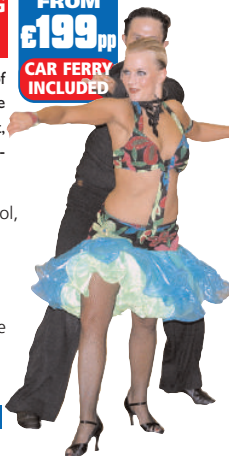
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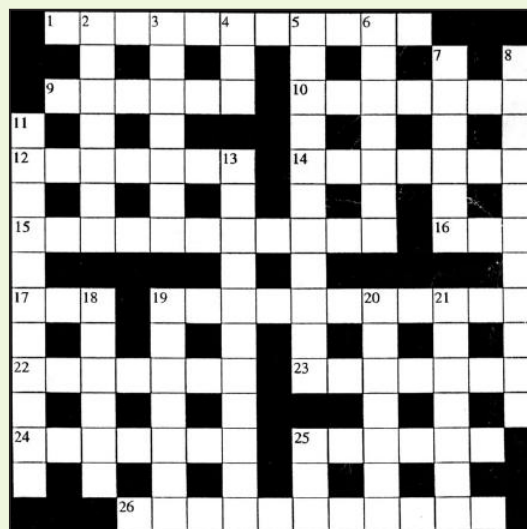
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- 14 Vainest sort who's most ingenious (7)
- 15 Haggard mineowner (4,7)
- 16 For each of the shoppers included (3)
- 17 Born to one expecting inside (3)
- 19 Pointer on hand (5-6)
- 22 Yellow jeans I'm splashing (7)
- 23 Different layers on Sunday are not shining (7)
- 24 Young child is untruthful about deliberate understatement (7)
- 25 Rude fraction? (6)
- 26 Scholarly Scotsman found in RA (11)

DOWN

- 2 Small monkey had hat dodging rain (7)
- 3 Luminous atmospheric phenomena transforming our area (7)
- 4 Man hard on a novice (3)
- 5 Next crime could include me and machine with revolving drum (6,5)
- 6 Barns ie custom-built for one from Southern Europe (7)
- 7 Put up about one French female and start to perform in the band (4,2)
- 8 Character with journalists printed reading matter (11)
- 11 Two well-directed in rhyme (4,3,4)
- 13 We will be adorned wearing stylish clothes (4-7)
- 18 Hesitates at last character being substitute (6)
- 19 I had ten before end of August in charge, that's stupid (7)
- 20 Poem 99 is heavenly (7)
- 21 Most of bomb found on a West Indian island (7)
- 25 Six thousand having vigour (3)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Quarantined (2,9)
- 9 Sea-cow (6)
- 10 Japanese ornament (7)
- 12 Spectrum (7)
- 14 Imprecise (7)
- 15 Furry animal (7,4)
- 16 Longing (3)
- 17 Auto (3)
- 19 Stun (11)
- 22 Specialised in a particular subject (7)
- 23 To which (7)
- 24 Mislead (7)
- 25 Pincers (6)
- 26 Dimension (11)

DOWN

- 2 Cephalopod molluscs (7)
- 3 Entertainment industry (7)
- 4 Limb (3)
- 5 Painful inflammation in arm (6,5)
- 6 Exhaust (7)
- 7 Nauseous (6)
- 8 Objective (11)
- 11 Play only partly funny (11)
- 13 Capriciousness (11)
- 18 Discard (6)
- 19 Stealthy (7)
- 20 Metallic element (Re) (7)
- 21 Bevan, former MP (7)
- 25 Rap (anag.) (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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QUICK SOLUTION No46

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Magnificent seven are ready to rock all day

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FROM ska to screamo, the eclectic line-up of this year's Don8tion all-dayer brings together seven of the best bands Kent has to offer.

The popular charity event, now in its fourth year, is held each summer at the Wyvern Hall in Sittingbourne, a 500-capacity venue with the space for bands and fans to really let rip.

This year's concert – organised to raise money for Demelza children's hospice – is headlined by Folkestone's superlative ska/punk outfit, Battleska Galactica.

The eight-piece are fresh from a successful slot at the ill-fated Zoo8 festival, packing the marquee when they performed on the Friday.

They already have several critically acclaimed releases, including 2005's *Songs from the Crypt*, and a new album, *If Found Please Return To ...* will be on sale later this year.

Preceding Battleska are Medway rockers Saturday Superhouse, who wowed the audience at last year's Don8tion with their highly polished set. Energetic punk band Los Salvadores will also be bringing their impressive sound to the stage, as well as Sheppey screamo band The Rodeo Plan, and Maidstone indie kids Directions.

Opening the night are No Room For Growth, a young and talented Sittingbourne ska band. They will be followed by Sheppey hard rock



PHOTO: GARETH ARNOLD



INTO BATTLE: Guitarist Stewart Cork performing with Battleska Galactica. Also on the Don8tion bill are Los Salvadores, left, and five other top Kent bands

outfit Wires Faulty. Don8tion is organised by Los Salvadores guitarist Marf Whiskin, and promoter Jade Wilson. Both say this year will be the best yet. Marf said: "The

line-up is the best we've ever had. Every band on there was picked because they put on a great show and have worked hard to build a following.

"And everyone – including Vic Wintergreen from DefZone who is doing the sound – has agreed to do it for free, so we can give more money than ever to Demelza."

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Jade said: "This is going to be an amazing gig. It's such a strong line-up."

Last year's concert raised nearly £500 for Demelza. Don8tion will be at the Wyvern Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, on Friday, August 8. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £4 and are available from any of the bands or on the door. You can donate online at www.just-giving.co.uk/don8tion.

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Sea how Nausicaa's got even better

BY DAVID NICHOLAS

A MAJOR new development has opened up in the sealife centre Nausicaa, which is one of Boulogne's most popular tourist attractions.

As well as its collection of tropical fish, recreations of exotic nautical environments, sharks, sealions and penguins, the venue also has a new exhibition on the seas called The Sea - Live which has links to oceans across the world in real time as well as details of the environment and the people who live there.

My family and I went into the large auditorium for a glimpse of how tropical seas with their abundance of plant and marine life look and the problems they are facing.

Now open and in place for the next two years the focus is on Madagascar and the Mozambique Channel.

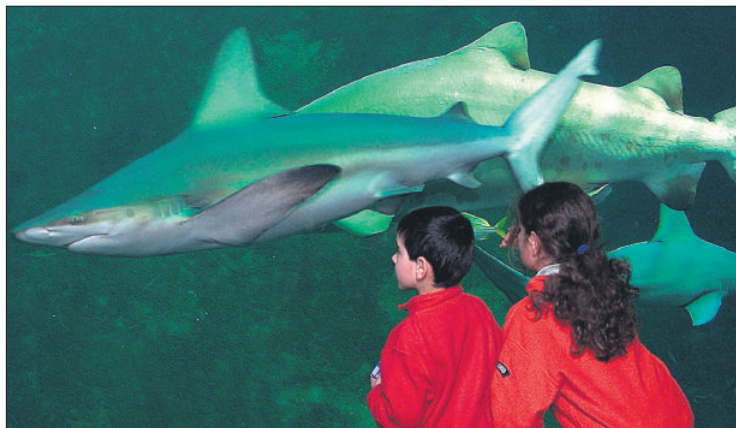
Audios and visuals give an account of the history and formation of the land and seascape.

The channel itself was formed 160 million years ago when a piece of land broke from the eastern side of Africa and formed the world's fourth largest island.

Located in the Indian Ocean, it has species quite distinct from elsewhere in the world.

The display also featured interviews with experts on the evolution of this unusual area, as well as the importance of it to the creatures which live in the sea.

Daily programmes can be modified to reflect conditions which exist in the area, bringing the imagery from this wonderful place completely



OCEAN WORLD: Sharks are among the creatures on view at Nausicaa in Boulogne - an easy, and superb, day trip

up to date. We learnt that the ecosystem in the area is particularly fragile, and the display emphasises the intriguing story of the coelacanth, thought to have been extinct since prehistoric times, but rediscovered in the last century.

An interview with a fisheries expert also explained how it is most effective to maintain the supplies and thus benefit the natural environment, as well as the fishermen and the people who live in the area.

Later, we took a simulated trip up a river estuary, and details of the land itself and its

rainforest were revealed.

Telescopes fixed to stakes in the sand enable pictures of fishing on the seabed to be transmitted and even locals' huts are included.

My family and I have always found Nausicaa a fantastic destination in its own right, but the fact that it's in France just adds to the feel that you really are on holiday - even when it's just a day trip.

Add in a classy on-site restaurant with glorious sea views, and you might just be on one of the experiences of the year.

FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference	UK+1hr
Capital	Paris
Language	French
Population	66.4 million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)

Located directly opposite the Port of Boulogne along Boulevard Sainte Beuve, Nausicaa is open daily from September 1 to June 30 from 9.30am to 6.30pm and from July 1 to August 31 from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

Entry prices are 16.50 euros and 10.80 euros for adults and children respectively.

SpeedFerries operates up to five return sailings daily between Dover and Boulogne, with a crossing time of 50 minutes. One-way fares for a car and up to five passengers start from £27. Day returns from £25 for car and passengers.

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The creators of Toy Story return with a heartfelt and fun-packed comedy about a little robot who holds the key to saving planet Earth. Wall-E (Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek search robot named Eve. Eve comes to realise that Wall-E has stumbled on the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans with Wall-E in hot pursuit.

MEET DAVE (PG)



Dave Ming Chang (Eddie Murphy), newly arrived in New York City, may be the ultimate fish out of water. There's something about him that's not quite right – for starters, he seems remarkably out of place and uncomfortable in his own body. And for good reason: 'Dave' is not a man at all, but a ship made in the image of its miniature-sized captain.

DONKEY PUNCH (18)



When three girls decide to go on holiday to Spain, they expect the usual holiday of sun, sand and lots of nights out on the town. But when three guys tell them they have a boat and the girls are welcome to go out for a day, things take a terrifying turn for the worse when one of the girls dies and it becomes a fight for survival.

No more action man

BY ELLIE GENOWER

WHEN Jackie Chan first heard about the fantastical concept of his new movie *The Forbidden Kingdom*, he certainly had his doubts.

"I would never make this kind of film," he says, smiling. "For me, these kinds of films are ridiculous. It doesn't make sense. But the American audience, I think, is interested. So every time I make an American film, I trust the American writer and the American director."

The film sees New York young kung fu fan Jason Tripitakas (Michael Angarano) magically thrust into ancient China where he befriends wise kung fu master Lu Yan (Jackie Chan) and a warrior played by Jet Li. They team up to free the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the powerful Jade War Lord.

Jackie, who shot much of the movie on location in China, says: "This is just like a fantasy – a fairytale, but I made this movie because I know American culture and American people like it."

Despite Chan's initial reservations, he couldn't resist the chance to work with another famous Chinese movie fighter – Jet Li – either.

After years of trying to team up on film, Chan had almost given up on the idea of working with him by the time *Forbidden Kingdom* came along.

"I have always hoped to make movies with some people I really admire, like Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, before I retire from this business," he says.

"Jet Li is someone whom I have wanted to work for more than ten years. Every time I see Jet we say, 'Let's do it!' This time it happened



GETTING HARDER: Jackie Chan says he wants to be a serious actor before he retires

because Casey [Silver] the producer was in the middle. Every ten days he would call and tell me Jet Li was happy with the script, before sending it to me. He was the one flying back and forth making the whole thing happen."

But far from being a battle of the egos between two movie martial arts legends, Chan says coordinating fight scenes

with Li felt comfortable.

"After the first cut, the director comes up and says 'Can you guys slow down?'," Chan says with a laugh.

"I want to show off quick and he wants to show off quick, but then we slowed down. It was fun. Fighting with him is very comfortable. I've fought so many different actors who just don't know

how to fight. It makes you hurt and it doesn't look good. And I think because I'm good, it makes him comfortable!"

However, Li is, at 45, almost ten years younger than Chan at 54. As the energetic and animated star grows older, it inevitably becomes harder to perform the big kung-fu stunts, he did so effortlessly on film at a younger age.

Hence one of the reasons Chan is trying to make the transition from kung fu movie star to serious actor.

"I think for the last six or five years, I've changed my style," he says, earnestly. "Right after the *Forbidden Kingdom*, I finished a movie called *The Shinjuku Incident*. It's maybe one per cent action. Heavy drama. The next one will be big action, then maybe a love story."

"I want to change. I want to be a real actor and not just an action star. An action star's film life is very short. Jackie Chan is a myth and I'm in survival right now."

"It's been more than 30 years, but how much longer can I keep fighting? This is why I have to change, change, change. I'm not like I used to be – I'm tired."



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Another company to cut back on rates recently was Woolwich which decreased fixed rates in some cases by up to 0.3 per cent.

Such developments within the property industry have been viewed as a sign that the cost of mortgages is on a small down turn despite the lack of movement in interest rates.

These have been held by the Bank of England in recent moves to stabilise the property market.

Recently forecasters working for the Royal Bank of Scotland predicted that the base rate will remain at five per cent for the rest of this year, with the possibility of movement in the first quarter of next year.

Agents confident of market turnaround

THE majority of estate agents across the UK are optimistic that house prices will be rising and the market buoyant a year from now.

A survey of the industry conducted by Abbey said that 61 per cent of respondents were confident the downturn would be over in the next 12 months.

And half of those contacted said they expected the time span to be just half that.

Abbey's head of mortgages Phil Cliff said: "Estate agents and homeowners believe that despite current movements in house prices we are unlikely to experience a really prolonged fall."

Predictions such as these help to stabilise a volatile market and increase confidence for both investors and sellers.

They are helped by banks lowering mortgage rates – which has taken place in some sectors of the business in the past few weeks.

In the latest figures available in the market June saw a two per cent fall in house prices – a decrease of the 2.5 per cent recorded for May.



CLEANING UP: The devastation caused by flooding to thousands of properties in recent years could get worse with predictions of more extreme weather conditions

Flood defence agreed

Insurance and long-term strategies will help protect owners

THE insurance industry and the Government have reached an agreement to ensure householders are able to obtain protection against flooding.

Both bodies have vowed to team up in a bid to protect properties at risk in a complementary way.

In recent years the county has seen serious flooding, particularly along the course of the River Medway.

Fears over global warming have also added to improved sea defences along Romney Marsh.

Other low-lying areas, such as Swale and other areas along the Thames Estuary, as well as Thanet, have also been cited as being at risk from waters.

According to insurers they will assess some

■ BY NICK AMES

properties at risk and the Government has promised to do more to protect housing from destructive waters.

Under the new agreement, insurers will guarantee to provide protection to any property deemed to have a risk of less than one in 75 from flood.

In return, the Government has committed itself to a long-term 25-year strategy to improve flood defences across the UK.

Environment Minister Phil Woolas said: "The insurance companies very reasonably said that it is necessary to have a long-term strategy – 25 years is the figure that we are going ahead with. We are looking at coastal flooding as well as river flooding and surface water flooding to ensure that the increased

investment that we have – and we have increased investment in flood defences quite substantially in this country – is sustained in the long term."

Mr Woolas said the Environment Agency should make use of new powers to block proposed developments at risk of flood and explained insurers were ready to offer improved premiums to householders who protect their homes against the risks.

He added: "What has changed is the climate change predictions the scientists are giving us; that the extreme weather conditions are going to increase in the decades to come. That requires a long-term strategy."

"It is something we have been negotiating with the insurance industry in some detail. They, quite understandably, want to have assurances that homes are protected and we, quite understandably, want to do that in any event."

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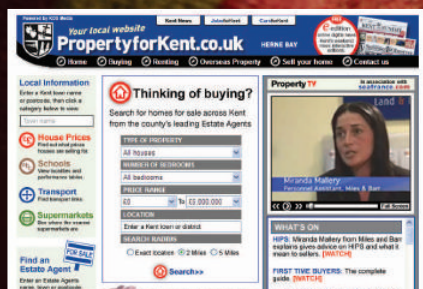
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MOTORS NEWS



Car show turned on by the power of electricity

DOORS open at the British International Motor Show in London today – the greenest show ever.

The event at the Excel centre runs until August 3 and includes 23 global debuts for new models.

But eco-friendly models like the all-electric zero-emission THINK city car (above) are also grabbing the limelight: the THINK offers a top speed of 65mph, range of 126 miles on a full charge, costs just £100 in electricity to cover 10,000 miles, needs no road tax and is 95 per cent recyclable.



Beamer is going more eco-friendly than ever

BMW's newly-revised 3-Series saloon, coupé, estate and convertible range is not only one of Britain's best-sellers in its class, but also one of the most eco.

Though you will be lucky to spot the makeover cosmetics, the line-up now boasts a greener engine range as well as 'EfficientDynamics' technology introduced previously to cut fuel waste and emissions.

Indeed, emissions are now so low on the economical 318d and top selling 320d diesel models that they almost qualify for the lowest £35/year road tax bracket.



Mitsubishi launch 'mini miser' special edition

ALREADY one of the best superminis for space, durability and value, the Mitsubishi Colt has a new Attivo special edition specifically for motorists looking to downsize from a bigger car.

It comes with sporty alloys and metallic paint plus competitive finance, but a frugal (51.4 mpg combined mode) yet pokey 74bhp 1.1-litre engine that partially justifies its 'Attivo' tag – it means 'energetic' and 'lively' in Italian.

The Attivo is priced at £7,999 for the three-door and £8,499 for the five-door.



THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: Volkswagen has hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the harder 'Escape' intended for genuine off-roading

Slick Tiguan answering a need for greener 4x4s

ROAD TEST VW TIGUAN

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

OVERALL demand for 4x4s might be in the muck, but some are still squeaky clean.

The VW Tiguan is one that ticks most boxes for a modern-day SUV (sports utility vehicle): compact footprint, top-notch engines, excellent on-road ability and decent off-road powers too.

And VW hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the 'Escape' intended to allow owners to do just that.

It puts most other compact 'soft-roaders' in their place when the going gets tough, with a shorter front overhang – that improves the styling in my opinion – radiator and sump guards, plus a standard-fit 'off-road mode' that optimises hill descent control and other driver/mechanical aids.

But 'long nose' rather than Escape versions claim 95 per cent of Tiguan sales and usually in 2.0-litre diesel mid-range SE trim (£21,770 for 138bhp version) as tested here, though high diesel fuel prices make a strong case for the so-called 'twin charger' Tiguan, featuring a lightweight 148bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine with supercharger and turbocharger, allowing decent economy plus diesel style pulling power

and low emissions. It certainly makes the Tiguan feel nimble and knocks around £1,000 off prices for diesel equivalents.

Nevertheless, the 2.0-litre diesel is the consummate all-rounder: smooth, refined and powerful.

The Tiguan interior is typical VW, mixing robust quality, good ergonomics and stowage and fine seating. Space engineering is excellent so, despite being roughly the same size as key competitors, the car feels more spacious and has a decent boot plus lift-up tailgate and room for a spare wheel.

The car has a maximum five-star rating for occupant protection by Euro NCAP, plus four stars for child safety and two stars for pedestrian protection.

The Tiguan is also one of the best 'drives' in class. The ride is firmish, but the chassis ensures that a relatively high vehicle corners with a flat stance. With the low down pulling power of the test car's 2.0-litre diesel, the Tiguan can be pushed hard on a challenging road, aided by a precise six-speed gearbox allowing steady and quiet motorway cruising too.

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BY STEVE LOADER

FORGIVE a whiff of smugness at your local Skoda dealer this week when the all-new Superb model arrives.

For this smart new model says a final goodbye to an era that lingered overlong – Skoda jokes.

Mickey-taking began in the late 1980s when the Czech brand's rear-engine Estelle began to look hopelessly obsolete against modern Western models such as the VW Golf and Ford Escort.

A favourite jibe was "How do you double the value of a Skoda? Fill the tank."

Skodas were cheap, spacious and rugged and extra traction gained from pairing engine and driving wheels at the back suited poor quality roads in the old Soviet empire, but the Estelle and its optimistically named Rapid sister delivered questionable handling on modern faster roads in the UK – as I found during a wet test drive in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, reliability and a successful rally heritage inspired loyalty amongst a small band of owners and dealers such as Adamsons at Walmer, Deal, which is now reaping the rewards of sticking with the brand for some 30 years through thick and thin.

The thin was the Estelle. Proprietor Robbie Adamson admitted: "It had its funny ways, but it cost just £2,399 and came with two-and-a-half years' warranty – quite a deal for those days."

"Skoda is so different now though, since the takeover by VW. The little Fabia is our best-seller by far and the environmentally-friendly Greenline version is creating a lot of interest, while the Octavia is a fabulous option for business users."

But he added tomorrow's unveiling of the luxurious yet still affordable new Superb would complete the brand's transformation.

Prices start from £15,490 and threaten cars like the Ford Mondeo, forthcoming Vauxhall Insignia and even the German executive marques.

Unlike the outgoing car, a stretched and 'warmed over' VW Passat, the new car is a

Feeling smug at Skoda – but no jokes please



TEAM: Adamsons has a long-established commitment to Skoda says proprietor Robbie Adamson (fourth from left)

completely new model with dual-purpose load space access via a conventional bootlid that can also become a hatchback at the touch of a button.

Mr Adamson said it could satisfy those who liked hatchbacks for their ability to cope with big loads and those who preferred the 'executive' look of a booted saloon.



EVOLVING: Rear engine Estelle (above) spawned Skoda jokes ...but the all-new Superb (below) will end them once and for all



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2007	57	New Corsa Sxi CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	8,800	10,995
2008	57	Corsa Breeze	12	5	Star silver	4,525	8,995
2008	57	New Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Black sapphire	7,285	8,995
SIGNUM							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	5,495
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	36,500	5,995
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2008	08	Astra Breeze Plus	1.6	5	Silver lightening	2,050	10,495
ZAFIRA							
2003	53*	Zafira Elegance DTi	2.0	5	Black sapphire	66,350	5,995
2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	31,650	7,995
2006	56	Zafira Active	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,350	9,250
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2007	57	Vectra Exclusiv + pack	1.8	5	Pomegranate red	4,675	9,995
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1 SERIES, 120d SE 5dr, alloys, climate control, computer, electric mirrors/windows, foglights, immobiliser, park distance control, power steering, airbags, radio/cd, traction control, black, 27511 miles, £13494, SMC, Mitsubishi 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

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X5, 3.0d SPORT AUTO, dv03nxj, blue, 70975 miles, £16000, Big Motoring World, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z3, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, abs, alloys, leather seats, traction control, power steering, drivers airbag, radio / cd, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SUREDR Cars UK, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

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CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) auto, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner, metallic green, only £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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CHARADE, 1.0 SL 5dr Hatchback, alloy alloys electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11,000 miles, £3995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels, twin exhaust, tinted glass, alloy, remote c/locking, electric windows, fog lamps, reverse park sensors & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles, £11,345, Cheriton Motor House, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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FORD

C-MAX, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, kn57lj, diesel, silver, 19500 miles, £10995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

ESCORT, 1.6 LX [AC], 1997, insurance group 7 3 owners, panther black, 81000 miles, £1889, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 1.8 TDCi Zetec 5dr [6], climate controlled air con, tyre pressure monitor, zetec pack, abs, alloys, central locking, climate control, insurance group 77, blue, 11881 miles, £13990, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 0844 4999792 (TRADE)

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TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (j, 99 (j) 4x4, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, 2.8 & 4 wheel drive, alloys, cd, tow bar and twin electric pack, only £4995 now only £3995, metallic green, 93000 miles, Riviera Car Sales, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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DEFENDER, 90 TDi Pick Up, power steering, 4x4, price is £5,995 + £1,049.13 = £7,044.13 total, road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle, red, 92000 miles, £5995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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MAZDA

323, 2.0 Sport 5dr [AC], 26/07/2002, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, £2385 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 992321 (TRADE)

626, 1.8i LXI, 1997, insurance group 14 2 owners, service history, central locking, front electric windows, power steering, air con, immobiliser, platinum silver, 77000 miles, £1489, A 1 Carriages, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MAZDA6, 6 Tc2, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, met paintwork, cd, air con, electric windows/mirrors, radio, immobiliser, 16" alloys, grey, 54000 miles, £5499, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MX-5, 1, 678461, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, 14" alloys, metallic green, 68000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £3305, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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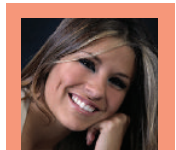


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Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392 **1**

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OH MANDY
Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTW honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 **1**

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 442943 **1**

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Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5'4", average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442982 **1**

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41yr old female, blonde hair, 5'6", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar to travel to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **1**

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Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5'6", big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 **1**

MAKE ME LAUGH
Divorced female, 47, 5'4", curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTW a nice and gentle male, non-smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 **1**

HAPPY DAYS
happy go lucky lady, 44, 5'2", blue eyes/blonde, medium build enjoys cuddles, socialising, animals, seeks honest, trustful, affectionate man 40-50 GSOH to share happy times. Box 175443 **1**

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Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **1**

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Brunette female, 36yr old, single mum, enjoys socialising, diy, romantic moments and family activities, WLTW a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 **1**

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Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **1**

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Single mum of three, 37, lives in Eastbourne, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 908053 **1**

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DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10", likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430394 **1**

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 442943 **1**

LOVE IS AN OPTION...
Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5'4", average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442982 **1**

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
41yr old female, blonde hair, 5'6", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar to travel to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **1**

ALL THIS AND MORE
Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5'6", big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 **1**

MAKE ME LAUGH
Divorced female, 47, 5'4", curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTW a nice and gentle male, non-smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 **1**

HAPPY DAYS
happy go lucky lady, 44, 5'2", blue eyes/blonde, medium build enjoys cuddles, socialising, animals, seeks honest, trustful, affectionate man 40-50 GSOH to share happy times. Box 175443 **1**

HUNK SOUGHT
Marlene, 48, blonde, medium build, likes 4x4s, the gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soft-cricket, WLTW sincere youngish guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 894117 **1**

LIFE IS FOR LIVING!
Caring, outgoing single mum, 48, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLTW male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891011 **1**

TOGETHER, FOREVER?
Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783 **1**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 **1**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possible relationship. Box 440679 **1**

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION
Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **1**

ALONG THE SHORE
Brunette female, 36yr old, single mum, enjoys socialising, diy, romantic moments and family activities, WLTW a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 **1**

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **1**

MEND A BROKEN HEART
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BLACK MAGIC
Loving black female, 49yr old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTW a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839 **1**

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL
Slim brunette, 49, 5'4", attractive, young looking, enjoys dancing, holidays abroad and driving, WLTW a kind and friendly male to share life with. Box 442515 **1**

AFFECTIONATE,
divorced female, 50, slim/petite, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, GSOH, likes walks, cinema, eating, cosy nights in, music, seeks handsome, affectionate male - non-smoker, for love. Box 368158 **1**

CARING
Loving female, 52, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, no ties, likes theatre, cinema, music, eating in or out, travel, seeks male, for friendship, possible romance. Box 189963 **1**

IN MY NIGHTS
Lovely, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTW a genuine male, 50-69 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382 **1**

ATTRACTIVE
young lady 56, 5'5", brown hair, green eyes, slim, loves life, travelling, cooking, wine & dining, gardening, country life, seeks honest, caring, loving, affectionate male. Box 378206 **1**

READY FOR LOVE
Sweet, 32, very shy but ready for love, 5'6", slim, brown hair/eyes, cheeky & fun, love a laugh, music, film, seeking like-minded lady for love. Box 441777 **1**

TO BE WITH YOU
Down to earth gentle chap, 34, likes cinema, 5'8", slim, brown hair/eyes, cheeky & fun, love a laugh, music, film, seeking like-minded lady for love. Box 441777 **1**

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blonde, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female, Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 **1**

HERE I AM
I'm Stuart, 36, 6'6", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106 **1**

EVERYTHING I DO
Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6'3", dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 **1**

PURE AND SIMPLE
Serving soldier, 38yr old, 6ft, brown hair, blue eyes, athletic build, looking to make friends with a great, special female. Box 889716 **1**

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS
Sincere, 36yr old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40 for friendship/romance. Box 783954 **1**

R U A ME?
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **1**

HI LADIES
I'm 38, 5'11", average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056 **1**

TLC ON OFFER
Darren, 39, fun loving, genuine, 5'8", medium build, average build, 25-45, for a LTR, no time wasters please. Box 442438 **1**

WORKAHOLIC
SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945 **1**

HOLD ME CLOSE
Attracted mixed race male, 41, 5'10", likes chatting and good company, looking for a friendly female 18-44, for a committed LTR. Box 889515 **1**

SIMON SAYS...
Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTW lady for friendship evenings out 18-44, for a committed LTR. Box 894541 **1**



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

SINGLE MUMS MORE THAN WELCOME
Good looking single dad, 28, 6ft, slim, GSOH, reliable and easygoing, looking for my princess for fun, friendship and romance. Box 442903 **1**

CAN YOU RESIST?
Attractive guy, 29, 5'8", shaved head, green eyes, enjoys cycling, walking and eating out, WLTW a genuine girl, 21-26 for friendship. Box 442408 **1**

CATCH YOU WHEN YOU FALL
Shy male, 32yr old, medium build, sensitive and easygoing, enjoys country walks and eating out, WLTW a similar lady for a relationship, pref N/S. Box 442406 **1**

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DO WE FIT TOGETHER?
Frank, 41, a carpenter, 6'11", very down-to-earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853 **1**

BRING BACK LOVE
Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5'11", enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTW similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769 **1**

JUST WANTING LOVE
I'm 42, medium build, 5'10", not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440769 **1**

DOWN TO MARGATE!
Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5'10", enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTW a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441705 **1**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Steve, 43, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, loves country pub/walks, cosy nights in, swimming, GSOH, 45 seeks similar, loving lady. Medway Box 901155 **1**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **1**

WHY DON'T YOU?
Roy, 44, brown spiky hair, enjoys most things, looking for loving woman for friendship and more. Box 439503 **1**

HEART TO HEART
Loving and caring male, 45yr old, 5'7", no ties, WLTW a lively female to bring me out of my shell. Box 442406 **1**

HEART TO HEART
Honest reliable male, 45, hard working, enjoys socialising, dating and eating out, WLTW a female companion to share my spare time with. Box 442438 **1**

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 429302 **1**

SOUND GOOD?
Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, these perks! Seeking a lady 30-45 for possible relationship. Box 439919 **1**

SMILES ON FACES
Kind male, 50, 5'11", 5'11", N/S, two boys (19 and 16), likes eating out, visiting London, weekends! Looking for a lady, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425308 **1**

SIMPLE ENOUGH
Outgoing person, 51, who likes meeting new people and spending time with family and friends seeks girlfriend. Box 890421 **1**

ROMANTIC AT HEART
To be with male, 51, medium build, greyish hair, like going out and staying in, watching films, beach walks, WLTW like-minded, loving lady. Box 899327 **1**

WHY WAIT?
Fun-loving male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTW an interesting female. Box 427713 **1**

LIGHT MY FIRE
I'm 52, pretty easygoing but confident with it, enjoy good conversation both ways, I'm positive, open and honest, intelligent, cheeky, seeking love of my life. Box 442378 **1**

RELIABLE
honest male, 51, 5'11", grey hair, 16 stones, own home/car, likes socialising, theatre, meals out, films, WLTW good-natured female, GSOH, to share life with. Box 393611 **1**

TABLE FOR TWO
Self-employed male, 52, N/S, 5'10", slim, likes country/coastal walks, historical places of interest. WLTW slim lady, 50-65, with similar interests. Box 393159 **1**

SOCIAL SOFT
Outgoing 55yr old male, enjoys gardening, walks, cinema and reading, WLTW a female of similar age for love and romance. Box 442486 **1**

IN GOOD COMPANY
61yr old male, 5'8", dark hair (greying!), nice looking, loves music, cooking, seeking someone for friendship and fun, something more hopefully if things work out. Eastbourne. Box 440404 **1**

ATTRACTIVE
Kind, considerate, active, intelligent male, 62, likes walking, travelling, eating out & cosy nights in, WLTW that very special lady for lasting happiness. Tunbridge Wells Box 442441 **1**

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
Creative guy in Tunbridge Wells, 62, young in heart/mind, working, music-maker, intelligent, romantic, New Age, socialist, green, enjoys nights/days in/out, seeks kindred spirit for mutual TLC. Box 865959 **1**

PERFECT MATCH
Active male, 66 years old, looking to meet down-to-earth lady, 50-65, to share interests, friendship, maybe more. Box 418045 **1**

DOVER SOUL
Easygoing, fun male, 68yr old widower, GSOH, looking for a nice, bubbly female to share outings and maybe more together. Dover. Box 418487 **1**

JUST BE YOURSELF
Decent, down to earth gent, 74, enjoys many interests and hobbies, seeking honest, trustworthy woman with GSOH for lasting partnership. Box 890407 **1**

Men seeking men
JOINED IN LOVE?
Good, down2earth guy, 46, green eyes, dark hair, slim, enjoys holidays, music, pubs, eating in & out, looking for a male 35-50 for companionship. Box 441106 **1**

STOP, LOOK & READ
Down-to-earth male, 48, 6ft, average build, GSOH, witty, looking for some good fun with an outgoing male. Gillingham. Box 419020 **1**

FULL TEAM AHEAD!
Rochester male, kind, genuine, 50yrs, likes steam railways, cooking, country walks, history, looking for that someone special Box 42921 **1**

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Senior & General Appointments 38-42

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Interview: Wednesday, 27 August 2008

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Closing date: Friday, 8 August 2008

Interviews: TBC

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The successful applicant will have prior experience to at least a supervisory level in the hospitality industry, hold a basic food hygiene certificate and be profit orientated and customer focused with excellent team leadership and organisational skills. Working 40 hours a week (day shifts) five days out of seven, including weekends.

Chef (Port Lympne)

We are currently recruiting for an experienced chef for Port Lympne Park to prepare and cook hot and cold food for our busy cafeteria style restaurant. Applicants must be trained to at least Demi Chef standard and have previous experience working in a similar fast paced environment and hold a food hygiene certificate.

Working hours are 40 hours a week, (day shifts) five days out of seven, including weekends. Reporting to the Group Head Chef, this position offers you the chance to develop your skills in a unique and challenging environment where the customer always comes first.

Seasonal Catering Assistants (Howletts and Port Lympne)

We are looking for seasonal catering assistants to work on an as needs basis providing our Food and Beverages departments at both Howletts and Port Lympne Parks with much needed support during our busy Summer season which is May through to October.

Previous customer service experience will be an advantage but is not essential as full training will be provided. Applicants must be literate and available to work approx 40 hours a week including weekends.

To apply for one of the above vacancies; please send a recent CV and covering letter, stating the position applied for, to: Helen Dallimore-Jones, Human Resources Manager, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Port Lympne Nr Hythe, Kent. CT21 4PD. E-mail: personnel@howletts.net

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Your Profile

We expect you to be motivated, proactive, have an eye for detail and previous management experience is desirable. You must possess excellent people skills, a leader who can influence and inspire. Above all we are looking for managers that are determined to achieve great results, be successful and are adaptable to change.

The Rewards

- A market leading salary of up to £36,000pa
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Canterbury College is a leading FE and HE College which offers opportunities and an environment in which our 800 staff and 12,000 learners can reach their potential, so we can achieve our goal of being one of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opened in January 2008. We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.

Lecturer in Key Skills - Hairdressing Post Ref: 01/109
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Key Skills - Catering & Hospitality Post Ref: 06/149
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Basic Skills for Construction Students Post Ref: 08/68
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

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Horticulture Post Ref: S/AH
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

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37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

Finance Assistant Expenditure Post Ref: FA2
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Signer/Learning Facilitator Post Ref: 08/104
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave until January 2009.

Teaching, Conference, Meeting Unit Assistant Post Ref: 04/172
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Catering Assistants Post Ref: 08/105
2 posts x 37 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum

Catering Assistant Post Ref: 08/106
30 hrs per week, salary £11,801 per annum

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You should have sound typing skills and confidence in using computer applications - particularly Microsoft Word, Excel and Access. The ability to input data accurately is essential. You will also be confident in communicating with a wide cross-section of staff, young people who use the service and external agencies. You need to be able to work within a busy environment, have the ability to prioritise, and work to tight deadlines. Additional duties include taking referrals, responding to telephone calls and minute taking.

For an application form please contact KCA(UK), Dan House,
 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT,
 Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351,
 Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk
 Closing date: 15th August 2008 at 5.00 pm
 Interview date: 29th August 2008

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Gravesham
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Community Safety

CCTV Operator

Salary: Circa £13,000 - £14,500
 + 7.5% shift allowance

An exciting opportunity has arisen within our CCTV team who's function is to provide high quality CCTV services within the borough of Gravesham.

You will contribute to the achievement of CCTV team objectives which include deterring and detecting crime, increasing personal safety, reducing fear of crime and protecting private and public property.

Often working in pressurised situations you are quick thinking and articulate, with good communication skills. You will also have the ability to work alone or part of a team.

Appropriate experience of working in a CCTV control room or previous security surveillance experience is desirable although not essential as training will be provided to the right candidate.

You will be required to work within an established shift system which includes unsocial hours and weekend working.

Appointment is subject to satisfactory completion of a Criminal Records Bureau check. Ref: CCTV/MW

Business Directorate

Property Services

Housekeeper
- 2 part time posts

Salary: £5.88 per hour

We are looking for energetic, self-motivated individuals with an eye for detail to work as one of a pair of Housekeepers for the front of house at the Civic Centre. You will contribute to high standards of cleanliness and provision of a quality housekeeping service.

Hours are between 6:30am and 10am Monday to Friday and you will be required to wear a uniform.
 Ref: H/AC

Closing date for all posts: 4 August 2008

For an application form and job description please contact:

Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00

Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk

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Housing and Environment Directorate
Housing ServicesEstate Services
Coordinator

Salary: Package up to Circa £27,000

This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with the skills to further develop caretaking services provided to residents across the borough. Tenants regularly inform us that a good caretaking service is one of their main priorities and this role is therefore a key one within the department.

Reporting to the Tenancy Services Manager, you will manage, and lead our caretaking service and build on your previous caretaking management experience ensuring innovation and best practice are core to the delivery of the caretaking service.
 Ref: ESC/MB

Tenant Participation
Worker

Salary: Circa £17,000 - £21,000

We have an exciting opportunity for an individual with the skills to encourage and facilitate the involvement of residents across the borough to join our Tenant Participation Team.

In accordance with the Council's resident involvement strategy you will develop and support a range of tenant participation initiatives and promote and develop effective partnerships between residents, members and staff.

You will have proven experience in tenant participation, resident involvement, community development or social housing; excellent written and verbal communication skills and an innovative approach to problem solving. You will be required to undertake data analysis therefore IT literacy is essential.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.

Ref: TPW/EM

An internal reorganisation means that we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to complement our existing team in providing planned and responsive ICT support

Junior Technical
Support Officer

Salary up to £16,416 pa

You will help provide first line support for all the council's ICT desktop equipment. Essential skills needed include:

- Strong customer facing and customer care skills including the ability to communicate efficiently by email, telephone and face to face
- Sound knowledge of PC hardware, Microsoft Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office applications
- A knowledge of ITIL guidelines and practices would be an advantage

Web Analyst/Programmer

Salary up to £20,232 pa

To assist with the design and implementation of a wide range of information systems. Essential skills needed include:

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For an informal discussion please contact,
 Rob Neil on 01233 330850

For an application form and further details please contact
 Personnel and Development, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane,
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Closing date: Monday 4th August 2008

Interviews will be held on:

Junior Technical Support Officer

26th August 2008

Web Analyst/Programmer

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All posts will require a Criminal Record Bureau Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.

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Closing date: 12 noon, 31 July 2008.



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Network Manager

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum
Tunbridge Wells, across Broadwater Children's Centre and St Paul's Children's Centre

In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0321.**

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0331**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

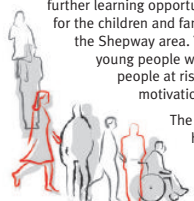
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30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered
Shepway, Folkestone

We are seeking an experienced, dedicated person to take forward this new and exciting role within the educational environment.

The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies.
Ref: CFE/08/0332

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You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

To succeed, you will work together with a wide range of agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the parents and young people are met. So if you have the experience and commitment to working with young people we would love to hear from you. **Ref: CFE/08/0330**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Invicta House, Maidstone

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The service, hosted by Kent County Council and funded by the Office of Fair Trading, is delivered from our state-of-the-art Contact Centre in central Maidstone.

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Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by an ability to analyse the circumstances around the complaint and offer the appropriate course of action to the consumer in an accurate and easily understandable manner.

The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets.

You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. **Ref: CMY/08/0176**

Contact Centre Agents

Starting salary £13,959 (+ 5% shift allowance), with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

To support our continued success we are looking for people with a positive, flexible attitude and excellent communication skills to join the friendly team in our state-of-the-art Contact Centre.

Everything we do is about providing the most customer-focused, individually tailored service we can. The diversity of the calls we receive means that each call is unique and, therefore, requires a unique response.

If you'd like to start using your customer service skills in a role that challenges you and really makes a difference, we'd like to hear from you!

Dealing with calls from the public, you'll provide advice, interpret queries and re-route calls appropriately.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by a real service ethic and an ability to deal with a challenging variety of calls.

You'll be handling everything from registering a birth or a death to enrolling a caller on an Adult Education class or directing calls from some of the more vulnerable people living in Kent. Together with demonstrated competence in a customer-focused role and a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills, you'll also need to be PC literate.

In return for your skills, you'll benefit from a competitive starting salary, excellent development opportunities and a role that will continue to challenge you.

To find out more about Contact Kent, attend our Open Evening at Invicta House from 5pm - 7pm on Tuesday 29th July. To confirm your attendance or for further details, call Pat Croucher on 01622 224066, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Working hours for these roles are subject to a rotating shift pattern which will include some weekend and bank holiday work. Ref: CMY/08/0177

Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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A CAMPAIGN against business rates for empty commercial premises being waged by the Thanet and East Kent Chamber has gone to the highest levels.

Chief executive David Foley and president Bill Moses met the area director of South East England Development Agency, Dr Susan Priest, who is responsible for Kent and Medway in Chatham.

They stressed that with the building of new shops, offices, factories and warehouses by the private sector coming to a virtual stop, some companies are even demolishing their empty buildings to avoid paying business rates.

Dr Priest will raise the issue with the Government Office of the South East.

Take a flyer to win voucher for restaurant

DINERS who nominate their favourite restaurants to OrderOnlineNow, a new free web-based takeaway food ordering and reservation service, will receive a voucher to eat at restaurants which join the on-line community.

It is being launched in Kent with a million promotional fliers being distributed. Once established here, the model will be rolled out across the country.

Customers will be able to search and choose restaurants, select food and order takeaways, home deliveries and reserve a table. It's the brainchild of Bethersden businessman Andrew Frisby.

Uni joins research team studying 'third sector'

THE University of Kent has joined forces with other institutions to develop research and analysis into groups such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Collectively known as the 'third sector', the university has forged links with the University of Birmingham's Third Sector Research Centre.

The centre receives funding from the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and The Barrow Cadbury Trust. It will receive £10.25 million over the next five years.

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Business Editor Tony Patey looks ahead as the credit crunch bites

Investments fuel employment boom

And science park bucks trend in commercial property

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than 1,600 new jobs have been created in Ashford in the past year – according to an organisation given the task of managing the growth of the town.

Ashford is thought to be the fastest-growing town between London and continental Europe, with ambitious plans to create 28,000 new jobs and build 31,000 homes by 2031.

About £2.5 billion of public and private sector money is expected to be invested in the town – which with Thames Gateway is earmarked as a major growth area.

Training in highly-skilled sectors is growing. For example, Hitachi Rail Maintenance opened its train centre in October, and gives the town's school and college leavers chances to join an apprenticeship scheme.

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "This is an exciting time for the town. We can predict many others will soon find Ashford best placed to do business."

Locate in Kent, the county's investment promotion agency, assisted companies to create or retain 1,047 jobs in Ashford between April 2007 and this April.

Chief executive Paul Wokey said: "Half our successes have been in the ICT sector, with other jobs



GREEN ROOF PROPOSALS: A computer-generated image showing the new entrance planned for Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne

being created in construction and property, financial services, engineering and printing. Furthermore, 75 per cent were knowledge-based jobs indicating the town is attracting a high-quality workforce."

Major development plans have been unveiled at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, involving £25m-worth of investment over the next five years and the creation of 500 new jobs – increasing the total there by a half.

Proposals, which could also

prove to be controversial, include a new arrivals centre, for which a planning application has just been lodged with Swale council.

Another proposal is the development of further technology units following the success of the recently completed first phase of new buildings.

The most significant investment is in the extension of the park by four hectares, from 22 hectares.

This is to accommodate tenants who are expanding, and new com-

panies, within 129,000 sq ft of new commercial property as the park bucks the trend in the commercial property market.

As part of these proposals the park is consulting with residents, in particular those who live on Ruins Barn Road and Broad Oak Road, hosting a public meeting, and producing a newsletter and a website which contains details of the proposals.

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Lordswood seal victory thanks to big-hitting Matt

MATT Greenwood smashed 82 runs from 87 balls to inspire Lordswood's 2nd XI to only their second win of the season as they beat Bromley 2nd XI by 79 runs.

Basement side Lordswood looked set for another defeat when they stumbled to 68-5, but Greenwood and Danny Moor dragged the hosts back into the match.

Bromley lacked a batsman to anchor their innings around as they fell well short. Dean Naidoo and Sadiq Hassan staged a recovery but the match was sealed when Kevin Masters swept up the final four wickets for ten runs.

Victory lifted Lordswood within seven points of safety.

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

The club's 1st XI continue to struggle at the bottom of the Premier Division as they lost by nine wickets against second-placed Bromley.

Put into bat, Lordswood could only make 155-9 from their 55 overs.

In reply, the hosts recovered from losing an early wicket to serenely reach their target with 23 overs to spare.

James Butterfill (68 not out) and Grant Sheen (79 not out) did the damage wrap up an easy victory.

Despite suffering a fifth defeat of the season, Lordswood are only 13 points from safety with seven games remaining.



TIMELY: Lordswood's 2nd XI got a much-needed win against Bromley

Kent Cricket League Premier Division 2nd XI

Lordswood CC 2nd XI v Bromley CC 2nd XI

Lordswood

	Runs
Matthew Gill b Sticklells	7
Neil Fairclough b Rogers	15
Andrew Shirley ct Bailest b Sticklells	0
Paul Richards ct Sturrock b Sticklells	25
Matt Greenwood ct Croft b Giles	82
Kevin Masters b Sticklells	0
Danny Moor ct Sturrock b Giles	45
Matthew Tunge b Giles	10
Philip Mayes not out	18
John Williams run out	4
Jack Laraman not out	0

Extras (18b 1lb 6w 5pr) 30
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) 236

Bromley

	Runs
Stephen Bailest Masters b Tunge	11
Sean Sturrock ct Fairclough b Tunge	15
Farhan Hasan ct Fairclough b Mayes	9
Christopher Tooley ct Shirley b Tunge	5
Alex De Warrene ct Williams b Mayes	13
James Croft b Richards	17
Dean Naidoo ct Shirley b Masters	45
Sadiq Hassan ct Moor b Masters	32
Alan Sticklells not out	1
Lance Giles b Masters	0
Graham Rogers b Masters	4

Extras (1b 1lb 1w 2nb) 5
Total (all out, 45 overs) 157

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Alan Sticklells	15	1	37	4
Graham Rogers	7	1	23	1
Sean Sturrock	10	1	47	0
Lance Giles	10	1	46	3
Alex De Warrene	5	0	30	0
Sadiq Hassan	3	0	29	0

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matthew Tunge	7	1	32	3
John Williams	3	0	7	0
Philip Mayes	13	4	22	2
Jack Laraman	8	1	20	0
Kevin Masters	8	0	42	4
Paul Richards	5	1	27	1
Matt Greenwood	1	0	5	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT PREMIER LEAGUE

Holmesdale 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

UPCHURCH's fine form came to an end at the weekend as Holmesdale earned a winning draw from their Division Three clash.

Batting first, the home side made a competitive 221 from 50 overs, thanks largely to a spirited 77 from middle order batsman Graham Purdy.

Adam Hodder claimed figures of 4-75, while Michael Hales junior continues to impress with his leg spin after taking 3-23. Hales was the star man with the bat as he held the Upchurch innings together with a mature unbeaten 55 to help his side to 157-6 as the game ended in a draw.

Holmesdale

	Runs
Stuart Brown	26
Matt Topliss	4
Michael Bryant	26
Harry Galpin	4
Graham Purdy	77
Colin Simpson	17
Mark Epps	15
Max Melbourne	10
Toby May	0
Andrew Cruttenden	23
Daniel Himsforth	10

Extras (1b 4lb 4w) 9
Total (all out, 50 overs) 221

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	1	21	1
Andy Holmwood	5	0	16	0
John Sutton	7	1	27	0
Adam Hodder	15	2	75	4
Kevin Collis	9	1	44	1
Michael Hales jnr	8	1	32	3

Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	45
Jim Phillips	24
Lee Taylor	13
Michael Hales jnr	55
Daniel Parker	4
Sam Bewick	0
Adam Hodder	3
Warren Little	6
John Sutton	0
Kevin Collis	0
Andy Holmwood	0

Extras (5lb 2w) 7
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs) 157

	O	M	R	W
Max Melbourne	7	1	29	0
Toby May	10	3	24	0
Mark Epps	8	1	27	1
Andrew Cruttenden	15	3	52	3
Colin Simpson	10	1	20	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Gravesend RF CC 1st XI v Rainham CC 1st XI

A LACK of form with the bat cost Rainham as they were easily beaten by Gravesend RF by five wickets.

The hosts' decision to bowl after winning the toss looked a good one as Rainham were reduced to 56-6. Only James Austin (21) made a start to his innings while his team-mates fell for single figures.

Late runs from Phil Bellars and John Dangerfield saved the visitors the embarrassment of being bowled out for less than 100.

Despite their efforts, Rainham's total was always vulnerable and Gravesend knocked the runs off with relative ease.

Rainham

	Runs
James Austin	21
Matt Goodwin	1
James Sherhod	0
Nick Plumridge	8
Paul Swaine	2
Callum Mitchell	8
Phil Bellars	27
John Dangerfield	16
Chris Small	0
Paul Newton	3
Matthew Newton	0

Extras (3b 2lb 15w 3nb) 23
Total (all out, 45 overs) 108

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Russ Wilde	9	4	22	3
Meguel Dee	11.4	5	19	2
Sukhpal Singh Atwal	12	4	15	2
Nigel Dee	13	3	36	3
Noian Wilde	1	0	2	0

Gravesend RF

	Runs
Richard Ashley	20
Sean Eastwood	34
S Saeed	1
Chris McDermott	35
Raj Ranthiraj	0
Nigel Dee	0
Noian Wilde	1
Sukhpal Singh Atwal	0
Russ Wilde	0
Meguel Dee	0
Steve Waghorn	0

Extras (1lb 6lb 3w 1nb) 11
Total (5 wickets, 32 overs) 109

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	5	1	10	0
Matthew Newton	8	2	14	1
James Sherhod	5	3	4	0
Paul Newton	5	0	21	0
James Austin	7	0	43	3

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Blue Bell Hill CC 1st XI v Wye CC 1st XI

BLUE Bell Hill slipped to within four points of the relegation zone after a 126-run defeat to title contenders Wye.

Wye recovered from 1-1 to pile on the runs after winning the toss, with four batsmen hitting 30 or more. Paul Fookes was the pick of the Blue Bell Hill attack, taking 2-47.

Chasing 232 for victory, the hosts' reply got off to a terrible start as they stuttered to 12-3.

Paul Brivio briefly gave Blue Bell Hill hope but after he departed the tail quickly followed to finish well adrift.

All the Wye bowlers contributed but Wayne Edlin (3-34) and Keith Secrett (2-11) were the pick.

Wye

	Runs
Kyle McAllister	43
Tom Richardson	0
Richard Williams	43
Jordan Reed-Ashton	53
Nick Eve	21
Daniel Noden	33
Giles Starley	16
Nick Brooke	9
Wayne Edlin	0
Keith Secrett	0
Matt Barlow	0

Extras (3b 1lb 7w 2nb) 13
Total (7 wickets, 46 overs) 231

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
James Underwood	12	2	37	1
Tom Highsted	5	0	36	1
Tan Hayward	9	0	57	2
Paul Fookes	11	3	47	2
Joe Fowler	5	0	20	0
Paul Brivio	4	0	30	1

Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Jack Attridge	7
Tom Highsted	0
Russell Booth	5
Paul Brivio	30
Jack Brivio	8
Paul Fookes	1
Neil Redmond	16
Ben Highsted	0
Tan Hayward	13
James Underwood	4
Joe Fowler	5

Extras (9b 7w) 16
Total (all out, 29.1 overs) 105

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jordan Reed-Ashton	8	0	22	2
Wayne Edlin	7	1	34	3
Keith Secrett	7	1	11	2
Nick Brooke	7	1	29	2

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

The Mote CC 3rd XI v Frindsbury CC 1st XI

A TRIO of Frindsbury batsmen hit half centuries to set up a comfortable 122-run victory against The Mote.

After winning the toss, the visitors scored at six-and-a-half runs an over to build a commanding total.

After Mark Prince was trapped lbw for eight, Dhaivat Mehta and Nigel Pullen combined to put Frindsbury on their way. Sam Dudgeon and Dan Scudder also found form to push the score just short of 300.

The Mote could not keep up with the required run rate and despite the fall of just three wickets, they finished second best.

Frindsbury

	Runs
Dhaivat Mehta	55
Mark Prince	8
Nigel Pullen	51
Robert Sait	0
Sam Dudgeon	65
Dan Scudder	41
Dan Reeves	21
Matt Payne	30
Chris Mumford	11
Samuel Gracey	2
Peter Elwood	0
Extras (6b 2lb 7w)	15
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)	299

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Dan Taylor	12	0	99	1
Matt Britz	12	1	63	2
Chris Feltham	9	0	43	1
Robert Adams	2	0	12	0
Rajeevan Raveendran	3	0	16	0
Mushi Chowdury	8	0	58	4

The Mote

	Runs
Robert O'Brien	7
Matt Britz	15
Rajeevan Raveendran	25
Richard Feltham	74
Jonathan Crowhurst	42
Adam Crowhurst	0
Chris Feltham	0
Mark Bristow	0
Mushi Chowdury	0
Robert Adams	0
Dan Taylor	0

Extras (5b 1lb 7w 1nb) 14
Total (3 wickets, 46 overs) 177

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Mumford	9	2	25	0
Matt Payne	10	2	27	1
Samuel Gracey	9	1	37	0
Peter Elwood	6	2	22	1
Sam Dudgeon	7	1	31	1
Dhaivat Mehta	2	0	12	0
Dan Scudder	2	0	17	0
Mark Prince	1	1	0	0

Stimson close to fielding top picks

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM boss Mark Stimson will give the clearest indication yet on who he thinks is his strongest side when an Ipswich Town XI visit Priestfield this evening.

The League Two club have had a mixed start to pre-season so far, with an 8-0 romp at Faversham Town sandwiched by 1-0 defeats against Stevenage Borough and Grays Athletic.

After giving everyone at least 45 minutes to impress, Stimson intends to play his first-choice team tonight and against Birmingham City on Saturday.

Improvement

While two defeats out of three is not what the Gills manager would have wanted, he hopes the next two games will show signs of improvement.

He said: "The most important thing is to get the fitness levels right because we have two tough games, against Ipswich and Birmingham. "We will be working on how to contain teams like them because we might come up against a couple of good teams in our division this year.

"We have got to realise that when we get the ball we have to keep hold of it. If we give it away against Ipswich or Birmingham they will punish you."

Gills fans should get their first sight of new



SCRAP: Dennis Oli (right) will be among the Gillingham players hoping to start against Ipswich Town. Picture: Igor Kupco

signing Mark McCammon this week. The striker has been rested so far but is expected to make his debut this week.

Stimson expects both McCammon and Nicky Southall, who has been kept out so far by injury, to push for a place in the starting line-up at the start of the season.

He said: "We still haven't seen Nicky and

Mark, when they come back they will throw their name into the hat.

"It's all mounting nicely, we are gradually getting fitter each week and when we get to the Bournemouth game [on August 9], whoever is fit and does well will play."

• **Tonight's match against Ipswich kicks off at 7.45pm.**



IN FORM: Kent celebrate reaching Twenty20 finals

Tickets sell-out as Spitfire fans head to the Rose Bowl

CRICKET

THE KENT Spitfires travel to the Rose Bowl this weekend looking to make it back-to-back Twenty20 trophy wins.

Rob Key's side face the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day but the winners will not only boast of a place in the afternoon's final, they will also be the first county to represent England in this summer's inaugural Champions League.

Spitfire fans have been flocking to the St Lawrence Ground this week to get their tickets for Saturday's Twenty20 finals day at Hampshire's Rose Bowl.

The demand for tickets has been so high that the club has had to get more from the Rose Bowl which will make Kent the best supported club in the final.

The club sold their allocation last week and have gone back for a further 300 tickets because the demand in the county has been so high.

Kent's commercial and operations director, Jon Fordham said the club were a little taken aback at the demand to see Key's side in the final.

He said: "It has been a novel experience which took us by surprise really because of the level of interest from supporters.

"Last year for Twenty20 finals day we had to return about 500 tickets of the 1,600 we were given.

"But we sold out our allocation by Thursday morning and we managed to get a further 300 from the Rose Bowl.

"By the looks of it we will have sold 1,800 tickets which will make Kent the best supported club out of the four finalists."

While the Twenty20 tickets have been selling like the proverbial hot cakes, so too have places for the Friends Provident Trophy final against the Essex Eagles at Lord's on August 16.

The club have already sold their 4,500 allocation and Fordham has been selling a further 1,000 he received this week.

Essex are yet to put their tickets on sale and it is expected they will be unable to sell their allocation and may have to return some. Fordham has not ruled out asking for some more for Kent, if the demand is still high.

Denness likely to miss start of Chats' season

FOOTBALL

CHATHAM Town striker Rob Denness faces a nervous wait as he is set to discover the severity of his knee injury.

The forward should find out the results of a scan on his troublesome knee this week, but even if it is good news he is unlikely to be fully fit before the start of the season.

Chats manager Steve Binks has not registered Denness and admitted he had no idea what the outcome of the tests would be.

He told yourmedway: "The injury has troubled him all summer and he has not been able to train with us. There's no point speculating what the scan will show but hopefully he will come back soon."

Denness is the only injury concern for Binks as he takes his side to Hythe Town on Saturday for the start of their pre-season fixtures.

With several players away on holiday, the Chats boss will use the game to have a look at a handful of triallists who have impressed in training.

Binks is likely to give as many players a run-out as possible



SIDELINED: Chatham striker Rob Denness has been out all summer with a knee injury

against the Kent League side.

He said: "I want to look at one or two players in certain positions and give the new signings a chance to play together.

"The last thing you want from these games are injuries, so they may not play all 90 minutes.

"The training has been excellent and I'm looking forward to getting back to playing matches."

Town's first home game of pre-season is against Margate on Saturday, August 2.

New additions to give Mos competitive edge

ICE HOCKEY

INVICTA Dynamos coach Kevin Parrish continues to strengthen his squad with the addition of two more players.

Netminder Michael Gray joined from Streatham Redskins and defenceman Adam Copland signed from Romford Raiders.

The squad were in need of a new netminder after Ian Rowlands announced he was leaving the club last month due to work commitments.

Parrish said: "They are both good signings. Michael was a stone wall whenever we came up against him last season and I just couldn't turn down Adam when he became available - he is so strong and has experience in the Elite League."

It will be Copland's second spell with the Mos after rising through the junior ranks before going on to have spells in Canada and for the Basingstoke Bisons.

Elliott Andrews has also committed to the club for another season, with Grant Baxter staying on as captain.

The influx has not finished yet, with Parrish hoping to complete his transfers within the next



STOPPER: Michael Gray has replaced the departing Ian Rowlands (above)

week by signing two more defencemen and up to three new forwards.

He said: "I think we will have eight new players to go with 12 from last year's squad. I was definitely looking to make some changes during the summer.

"It's a big change to bring in so many new players, there won't be many teams who will do that.

"We needed more competition for places to get rid of the relaxed attitude we had towards the end of the season when players were certain of playing."

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